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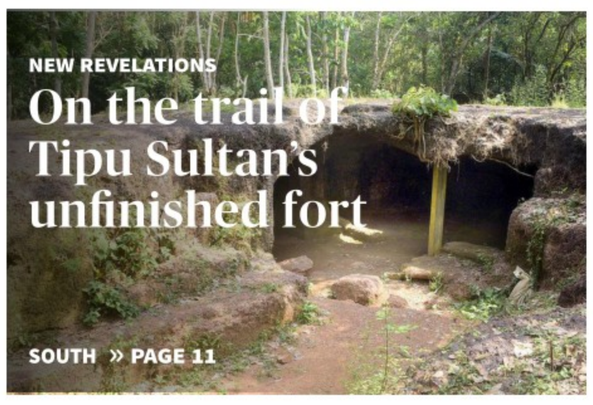

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Gehlot out of race, Digvijaya Singh in the fray

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

Emerging out of Congress president Sonia Gandhi's 10 Janpath residence after an hour-long meeting, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Thursday owned moral responsibility for the political crisis in his State, announced his withdrawal from the Congress presidential race and asserted that Ms. Gandhi will decide his continuance as Chief Minister.

Party general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal, who had two rounds of meetings with Ms. Gandhi, said she would take that decision in "a day or two".

On a day of high drama, former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister

Venugopal says decision on Rajasthan CM in a day or two as Sachin Pilot calls on Sonia Gandhi

Digvijaya Singh joined the party's electoral contest by picking up a nomination form.

With Mr. Gehlot's rival Sachin Pilot calling on Ms. Gandhi on Thursday evening, speculation was rife of a possible change of guard in Rajasthan.

Sidestepping the question of leadership, Mr. Pilot told pressperson that he was confident that all "positive steps to work collectively and win the Rajasthan Assembly polls in 2023 will be taken".

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SC axes 51-year-old curb, single women get equal abortion rights

Bench says prohibiting single women with pregnancies up to 24 weeks from accessing abortion while allowing married women with the same term to get the care amounted to discrimination; artificial distinction is not constitutionally sustainable

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

In a historic judgment, the Supreme Court on Thursday declared that single women with pregnancies between 20 and 24 weeks are entitled to access the same safe and legal abortion care as married women.

A three-judge Bench, led by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, pried open the restrictive grip of a 51-year-old abortion law which barred unmarried women from terminating pregnancies that are up to 24 weeks old.

The judgment came in an appeal by a person who wanted to terminate her pregnancy before her term completed 24 weeks. The Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act, 1971 prohibits unmarried women who are between 20 and 24 weeks' pregnant to abort with the help of registered doctors.

> The law should not decide the beneficiaries of a statute based on narrow patriarchal principles about what constitutes permissible sex
>
> Reproductive rights include the right to access education and information about contraception and sexual health. The right to choose whether or when to have children. The right to choose the number of children...
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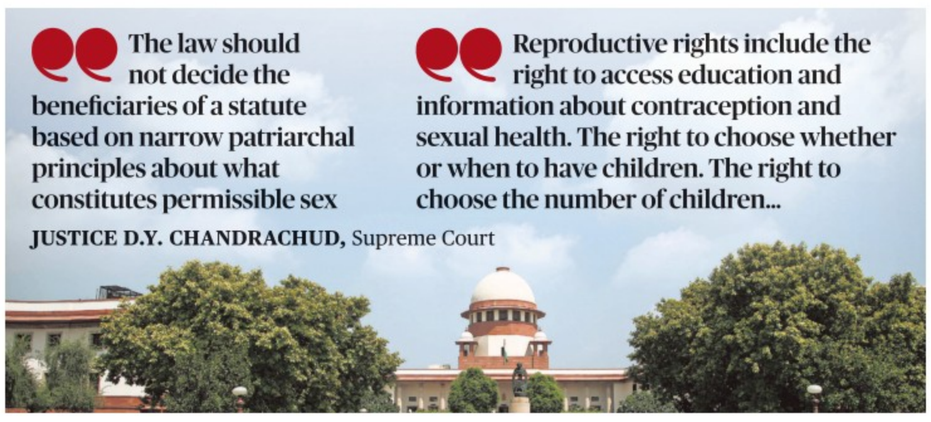

"The rights of reproductive autonomy, dignity and privacy give an unmarried woman the right of choice as to whether or not to bear a child on a similar footing as that of a married woman," Justice Chandrachud held in an order issued on a petition filed by a person who chose to remain anonymous.

The court declared that prohibiting single women with pregnancies up to 24 weeks from accessing abortion while allowing married women with the same term of pregnancy to avail the care amounted to discrimination. The court said a single woman may have suffered the same "change in material circumstances" as a married pregnant woman.

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Sexual assault of wife can take the form of rape: SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Sexual assault by a man of his wife can take the form of rape, the Supreme Court said on Thursday in a significant judicial recognition of 'marital rape', at present not recognised as an offence under the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

The court said this in a judgment on single women's right to abortion.

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Even before getting a formal green signal from the State government, COMEDK has commenced the process for UGET-2022 counselling for engineering courses.

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Congress Yatra to enter State today

MYSURU
The Karnataka-leg of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra from Gundlupet in Chamarajanagar on Friday is expected to further enthuse the party cadres.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Refugee students from Myanmar admitted into Mizoram schools

6,000 The number of children from Myanmar who have been enrolled in various schools across Mizoram. They had taken refuge in the State along with their parents following a military coup in their country. Of the 6,195 children, 5,221 were enrolled in government schools and 184 in government-aided institutes. PTI

Millions of children to miss school in Pakistan due to floods

3 In million, the number of children in Pakistan who may miss at least one semester because of flood damage to schools, following heavy monsoon rains likely worsened by climate change. Unprecedented deluges since mid-June have affected more than 33 million people, inundated millions of acres of land and devastated infrastructure, including education facilities. AP

Government defers proposal to make six airbags mandatory

6 The number of mandatory airbags that have to be part of eight-seater cars from October 1, 2023. The government has deferred the implementation of the proposal by one year. It had earlier planned to make six airbags mandatory for enhanced safety from October 1, 2022. The announcement was made by Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari. PTI

Post Afghanistan, terrorist numbers up in J&K: CRPF DG

200 The number of militants operating in J&K currently, according to outgoing Central Reserve Police Force DG Kuldiep Singh. An uptick has been noticed in the number of foreign terrorists operating in the valley post the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan. "However, the total number of terrorists is less now compared to earlier", Mr. Singh said. PTI

German inflation peaks, at the highest level in over 25 years

10.9 The percentage by which consumer prices accelerated in Germany in September. This was the highest increase in the country in more than a quarter of a century, driven by high energy prices. Analysts have warned that the energy crisis is yet to make itself fully felt. Costs for energy were 43.9% higher compared to September 2021. REUTERS

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The draft Telecommunication Bill, 2022

Does the new Bill dilute the powers of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India? What will be the effects of including OTT communication services within the definition of "telecommunication services"?

EXPLAINER

Trishee Goyal

The story so far:

The Ministry of Communications released a draft of the Indian Telecommunication Bill, 2022 last week for public comments. Since then, the draft has generated a significant amount of discussion on various changes that it proposes to make to the current telecom regulatory framework. The Minister for Communications, Ashwini Vaishnaw, has stated that the Bill would become law in the next 6-10 months.

What is the draft Indian Telecommunication Bill, 2022?

The draft Indian Telecommunication Bill is an attempt by the government to update the extant regulatory framework in keeping with the advancements and challenges in the sector. This was much needed given that the three main legislations that occupy this domain are considerably outdated, with the most recent of these having been enacted more than 70 years back. These legislations are the Indian Telegraph Act enacted in 1885, the Indian Wireless Telegraphy Act enacted in 1933 and the Telegraph Wires (Unlawful) Possession Act in 1950. The Indian Telecommunication Bill looks to repeal these legislations and "restructure the legal and regulatory framework" for the telecommunications sector.

How does the draft telecommunication Bill affect over-the-top communication services?

Over-the-top (OTT) communication services refer to services that provide real time person-to-person telecommunication services. Some popular examples of these include messaging platforms like Whatsapp, Telegram, Signal, Messenger, Duo, Google Meet etc. These platforms use the network infrastructure of telecom service providers like Airtel, Vodafone and Jio and provide features that compete with telecommunication services such as voice calls and SMS services. Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) allege that these features result in a double whammy for them as they cut into their sources of revenue (voice calls, SMS) while not having to deal with infrastructure and licensing costs that they have to undertake. Therefore, TSPs have been demanding a level playing field with OTT services.

The current draft of the Bill expands the definition of "telecommunication services" to include OTT communication services. As a consequence of this, OTT telecommunication services may be subject to the same licensing conditions as TSPs. Under the extant framework, TSPs have to be issued the Unified Access Service Licence (UASL) for them to be able to provide telecom services in India. If OTT communication services are required to obtain the same licence, they would also be subject to a number of conditions such as maintaining 'know your customer' details of their users , adhering to certain encryption regulations and allowing lawful access to the government of their equipment and networks.

What are some of the consumer protection measures in the draft Bill?

To curtail the ever-increasing incidence of spam calls and frauds, the draft Bill proposes that the identity of the person communicating using any form of telecommunication services shall be available to the user receiving such communication. This would mean that unlike now where only the phone number of the person making the communication is displayed, going forward the name of the person would also be displayed. As per the Communications Minister, this facility would not only be available for voice calls but also for users of OTT communication services.

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The draft Bill provides that commercial communications which are advertising and promotional in nature should be made only with the prior consent of a subscriber

The draft Bill obligates licence holders to identify the users of its service through a verifiable mode of identification. To ensure that a user provides correct details, the draft Bill penalises providing wrong identification details with a ₹50,000 fine and suspending the operation of the specific mobile number or barring the person from using the telecom service for a certain duration. Further, the draft Bill also provides that commercial communications which are advertising and promotional in nature should be made only with the prior consent of a subscriber. While the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has previously issued the "Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference Regulations" in 2018, spam communications and sharing of contact details without any safeguards continues to be rampant. Its inclusion in the draft Bill takes it out from the purview of TRAI and gives government the power to take stringent measures against violators.

How does the draft Bill impact the position of the TRAI?

The TRAI was set up in 1997 as an independent and specialised regulator for the telecom sector. Given that the government is a major player in the telecom sector in various roles such as provisioning of services, licensing and allocating spectrum, the need was felt to institute a regulator that is at an arms' length from the government to ensure a level playing field, fairness for private TSPs and for the protection of consumer interests.

However, the current draft considerably dilutes TRAI's position in a number of ways reducing it from a regulatory to a recommendatory body. First, the government would no longer be required to seek recommendations from the TRAI before issuing licences. Second, it also removes the power of the TRAI to requisition from the government information or documents that are necessary to make such recommendations. Moreover, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) will no longer be required to refer back to TRAI the recommendations for reconsideration – those recommendations that it does not agree with, as it was required to do previously. The removal of such powers would not be keeping with international practice where telecom regulators are endowed with a greater degree of independence to ensure that investor confidence and consumer protection is maintained in the market.

What are the draft Bill's provisions on internet shutdowns?

For the first time in the Indian legal framework, a specific provision enabling the government to order suspension of internet power has been introduced through the draft Bill. Currently, suspension of internet services is ordered under the Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency and Public Safety) Rules, 2017 that have been made under the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885. However, civil society has raised concerns that the proposed provision gives the government power to order internet shutdowns while failing to incorporate safeguards such as judicial oversight that have been recommended by the Standing Committee on Information Technology.

How does the Bill facilitate TSPs?

The draft Bill clears up a lot of confusion around the allocation of spectrum. It lays down that while the primary route for allocation of the spectrum is auction, when spectrum is to be allocated for certain functions of the government such as defence or transportation, the administrative process is to be followed. It also allows the TSP to exploit its spectrum resource fully by enabling sharing, trading, leasing, surrendering or returning unutilised spectrum. The Bill also simplifies the process for restructuring, merging or demerging.

Since the government is a major player in the telecom sector, it was felt that a regulator which is at an arms' length from the government is necessary to ensure a level playing field

On the issue of right of way (the legal framework for setting up telecom towers), it mandates that land owned by a public entity should be available expeditiously unless there is an express ground of refusal. This is likely to face opposition from States which have the power to administer lands within their territorial jurisdiction. Lastly, the draft allows the funds under the Universal Service Obligation Fund to be utilised for other purposes such as urban areas connectivity, research etc, expanding its current mandate from the limited aspect of enhancing rural connectivity.

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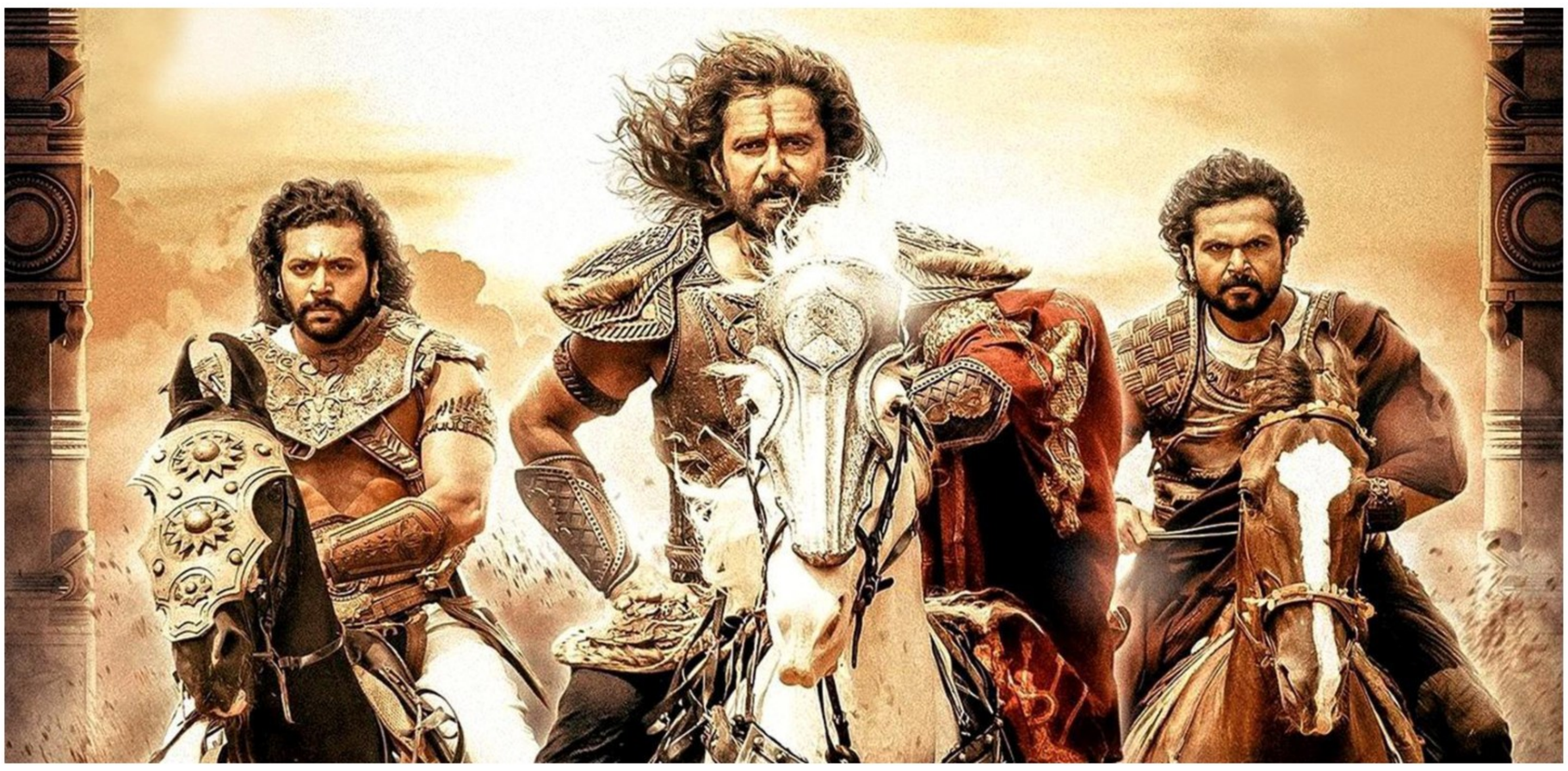


IN THE LIMELIGHT

Ponniyin Selvan 1: how Maniratnam's interpretation of Kalki's novel could illuminate the books vs movies debate

While books and movies are different media, daring each other to surpass the wondrous imagination of the reader, the ultimate aim however, is to engage the audience, and give them a unique experience

Ramya Kannan

In terms of antiquity, the chicken and egg conundrum might predate it, but the question of movies versus books is also in the same philosophical league. Impossible to nail a theoretically acceptable answer, while empirical explanations may be aplenty. Sometimes, it just boils down to a personal preference. As we await Maniratnam's interpretation of Kalki Krishnamurthy's *Ponniyin Selvan* to play out on the silver screen, it is but natural that this age-old question is once again dragged, kicking and screaming, into the public realm.

The novel

Ponniyin Selvan, unfairly as some fans think, was a grossly underrated epic, in truth, an expansive narration of Chola history that never got its due in the world. It dwells extensively on the conspiracy to assassinate the crown princes of Sundara Cholan, the events that followed, and the eventual succession of the second son Arulmozhi Varman, who was to achieve everlasting fame as Raja Raja Chola 1. The novel certainly had everyone who had read it wrapped around its five volumes in rapture.

Serialised in the Tamil magazine *Kalki*, the author's seductive narrative style, the cliffhangers, the twists in plot, the intrigue served perfectly to whet the appetite of its first readers. Subsequent generations feasted on bound volumes of the pages of Kalki, which drew them into the fascinating vortex that was *Ponniyin Selvan*. While a couple of attempts were made in the past to render the epic on screen, notably by MGR, none of them worked out. Until Maniratnam picked up the gauntlet. Incidentally, he tried unsuccessfully to make his dream project in the 90s and early 2010s.

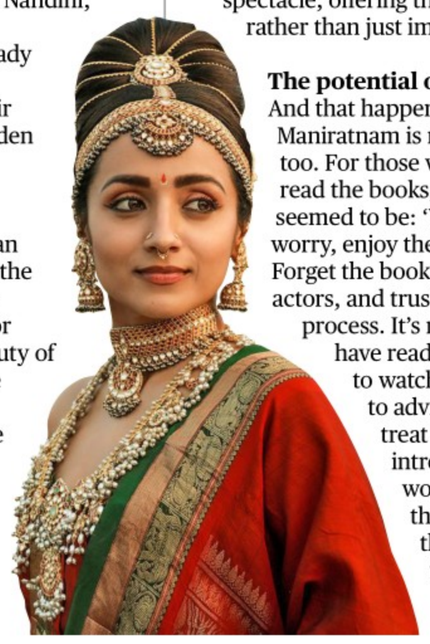
An epic project

One of the main reasons for why none of the previous projects took off could be the sheer, daunting scale of the epic. How do you crunch five volumes, and literally a zillion characters into three hours or less? What do you include, what do you leave out? And among the Ponniyin Selvan congnoscente, who revere every little nuance, would it not be harakiri to leave chunks out because the medium cannot handle its entire scope. In their minds, Vandhiyathevan, Kundavai, Nandini, Alwarkadiyaan Nambi and Arulmozhi Varman are already fleshed out by Kalki's able illustrator- Maniyam. In their minds they've probably ridden the horse on Veeranarayanapuram Eri, taking in the aadiperukku festivities as Vandhiyathevan did, or rowed a boat across the seats to Sri Lanka, were the ultimate spies with Nambi or stood entranced by the beauty of the ladies, and fought fierce battles in Lanka.

The fact is that ever since man figured how to process film and run it on a spool, movies have been inspired by books, riding on their well-worn spines, daring to surpass the wondrous

Film as a medium by itself holds within it immense possibilities, particularly of spectacle, offering the ability to see, rather than just imagine

imagination of the reader itself. No doubt the hook of the written word is fascinating, because it allows the reader to create her or his own worlds. After all, as Paulo Coelho said, " A book is a movie running in the mind of the reader". What a movie does is to flesh that out without leaving much to the imagination, readers find. Not that the kernel of film as a medium by itself does not hold within it immense possibilities, particularly of spectacle, offering the ability to see, rather than just imagine.



The potential of the screen

And that happens to be just what Maniratnam is recommending too. For those who have not read the books, his message seemed to be: 'You don't need to worry, enjoy the movie anyway.' Forget the book, he even told his actors, and trust the film-making process. It's not important to have read Ponniyin Selvan to watch PS1! He seemed to advise people to treat the movie as an introduction to the wondrous world of the Cholas; allow the film to guide their journey, experience this blockbuster as they would do any other, without the baggage of what they have read or not read (If that is possible, indeed). No doubt in this avatar, the film becomes its own work of art, aligned to, but not encumbered by the book it is based on.

Quite like what the third film in the Harry Potter series was. Alfred Cuaron's *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* was truly that work of art that was equal to or even better than the book itself, no mean feat to pull a better one off J.K. Rowling. Or, for that matter what Francis Ford Coppola did so effortlessly with Mario Puzo's *Godfather* series, ably aided by Marlon Brando and Al Pacino among others. While OTT series might have it easier, with their relative temporal flexibility, the ability to stretch out their tale telling better, even these have seen some diversions from the original book version, either in terms of plots, or characterisation, or tweaks, varying the pacing, or backstories, in an effort to ensure the medium is exploited entirely by the message, and perhaps, vice versa.

That's what film makers and even authors aim at, ultimately. Dropping a hook to draw their audience in, holding them in awe or enchantment, rapture or shock, and allowing them to feel the catharsis that art offers. You might be a purist that still prefers a book over a film, and yet when someone dares to take on something as audacious as interpreting for the screen, the modern Tamil epic *Ponniyin Selvan*, it's probably something Kalki Krishnamurthy himself might have hoped to see.

Let curiosity guide you, and if you are not happy, there is always the book to go back home to.

THE DAILY QUIZ

September 30 is celebrated as International Translation Day to celebrate the work of translators and their role in aiding interpersonal communication. Here is a quiz on the world of translation

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

QUESTION 1
The theme for this year's translation day is 'A World Without Barriers'. What was it in 2021?

QUESTION 2
While Agatha Christie holds the Guinness World Record for the most translated author, this writer earned it for the most translated book. Who is the author and what is the title of the book

QUESTION 3
In 2009, a global bank rebranding campaign failed due to the mistranslation of a tagline. The bank was later forced to scrap the campaign and shell out $10 million to repair the damage done. Name the bank and the tagline.

QUESTION 4
Dogri, Mizo, Assamese, Konkani, Maithili, and Meiteilon. These were among the eight languages that Google Translate added to its arsenal in 2022. Name the missing two.

QUESTION 5
This hilarious segment in a late night TV show featured a singer singing a translated version of a hit 2019 song. The translated lyrics included the line —" I am an evil boy, ghosts'. Name the song.

QUESTION 6
This translator won the JCB Prize for Literature for her debut translation of a novel which was nominated along with *Poonachi* by Perumal Murugan (translated from Tamil by N. Kalyan Raman). Name the translator and the book.

QUESTION 7
This film features a translator given the task of communicating with aliens. The movie talks about how language shapes our reality. Name the film.

Visual question:
This painting by Antonio da Fabriano II shows the person who is known as the patron saint of translators. Who is he? WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz:
1. The upper chambers of the heart and the muscular walls that divide the heart into two sides. **Ans: Atria and Septa**
2. The meaning of the terms 'tachycardia' and 'bradycardia'. **Ans: If the resting heart rate is above 100, it's called tachycardia and below 60, it's bradycardia**
3. The common name for the Balaenoptera musculus. **Ans: Blue Whale**
4. The difference between a heart attack and a stroke. **Ans: A heart attack is the result of a blockage in blood flow to the heart, while a stroke happens when there is a blockage in blood flow to the brain**
5. This part of the body does not get blood from the heart. **Ans: The cornea**
6. This procedure involves taking a healthy blood vessel and connecting it below and above the blocked arteries in your heart. **Ans: Coronary bypass surgery**
7. This 1973 album by Pink Floyd has tracks that begin and end with heartbeats. **Ans: 'Dark Side of the Moon'**

Visual: This doctor created medical history in December 1967. **Ans: Dr. Christiaan Barnard who performed the world's first human-to-human heart transplant operation**

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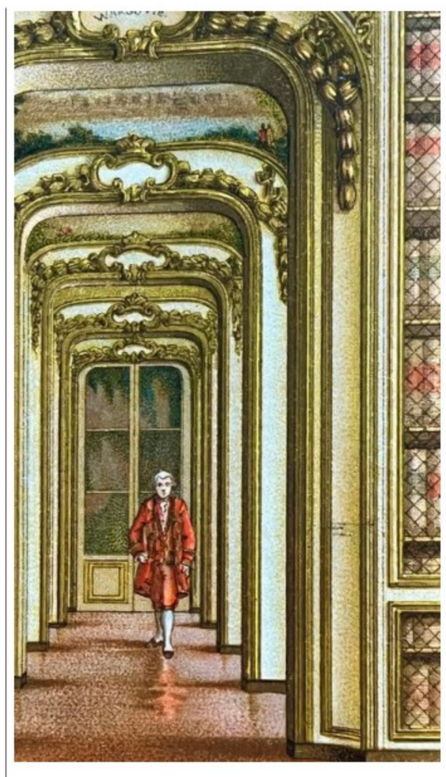

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know Your English

What's the difference between 'He is a man of promise' and 'He is a man of promises', sir?"

" 'He is a man of promise' means that he has a bright future.

He is a poet of promise.

He is a young man of promise.

'He is a man of promises' means that he is a man who makes promises but doesn't keep them."

"Sir, what's the meaning of 'I wish I had met Ram?'"

"It means that the person concerned didn't meet Ram. He would have been happy if he had met him. 'I wish Sita had some money' means 'Sita does not have money but I would have been happy if she had'.

I wish he had come.

I wish they had studied English.

She never has time for reading and wishes she had.

I wish he had not married.

I wish you had done it.

I wish you had not bored him.

I hope you understand the meaning now."

"Yes, sir. Sir, how do you distinguish 'elderly', 'aged' and 'old' from each other?"

"A person is aged when he is very old. 'Aged' carries connotations of weakness. An elderly person is one who is no longer young. He is past the prime of life and is on his way to becoming 'old', but not yet old. 'Elderly' is used only of persons and not things.

He is an elderly person.

'Aged' can be used of persons and things.

He is an aged man.

It is an aged elephant.

It is an aged banyan tree.

You have generally respect for the elderly and the aged. 'Old' has both positive and negative connotations. It depends on the context.

He was born old.

He is an old fool.

He is a venerable old man.

An aged man is older than an old man. An elderly person is younger than an old person."

"Sir, is it correct to say 'I am in the receipt of your letter'?"

"No. It should be 'I am in receipt of your letter'. There should be no definite article before 'receipt' in this context. So you also say, 'I acknowledge receipt of your letter'. These two sentences are used only in formal contexts. Normally you say 'I have received your letter'. This is simpler and better. Always try to be simple in your speech and writing. Let's stop here. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

Word of the day

Insouciant:
marked by blithe unconcern

Synonyms:
casual, nonchalant, carefree

Usage:
Their attitudes were fairly insouciant when you consider the scale of events which happened yesterday

Pronunciation: bit.ly/insouciantpro

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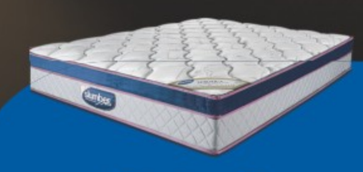
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INBRIEF

BBMP directed to fill remaining 1,051 potholes

Additional Chief Secretary (Urban Development Department) and BBMP administrator Rakesh Singh on Thursday directed the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike officials to fill 1,051 potholes identified in the city.

After the coordination meeting with various civic agencies, Mr. Singh said that the BBMP and the traffic police had identified 4,545 potholes across city arterial and sub-arterial roads and out of these 1,051 have not yet been filled.

The traffic police and the BBMP will coordinate and fill all the potholes soon, he added.

Civic body to cut weak tree branches across the city

After a coordination meeting with various civic agencies on Thursday, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagar Palike has decided to cut weak tree branches and those blocking streetlights. "Most of these unwanted and weak tree branches are threats to pedestrians and commuters and also to the electric and streetlight poles. Hence we have decided to cut those branches without harming the tress," an official said.

BBMP will coordinate with the Forest Department to prune trees immediately, sources said.

In a makeover for flyovers, BBMP wants to build parks, skating rinks, and basketball courts under them

The civic body has already partnered with citizens' volunteer group, The Ugly Indians, and other organisations to beautify flyovers and the stretch under the metro pillars with an aim of preventing defacement by pasting posters

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Starting with the Shivananda Circle Flyover, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is set to give a makeover to all flyovers in Bengaluru with theme-based paintings along with a skating rink and basketball court under the structure.

Since the flyovers in the city have become dumpyards for garbage, the BBMP has decided to build small playgrounds and parks under the flyover area.

Civic officials said that many of these spaces have been handed over to several corporates to be maintained under corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives, but continue to be treated as dumpyards.

"As part of a pilot project, we are constructing a skating rink and basketball court under the Shivananda flyover. This will also avoid the dumping of garbage under the flyover," a senior BBMP official said.

Changes coming: As part of a pilot project, a skating rink and a basketball court will be built under the Shivananda flyover. SUDHAKARA JAIN

"Along with the skating rink and the basketball court, we are also constructing a small park which will have benches to sit. In Bengaluru, there are 47 flyovers and after seeing the success of this one, we will extend the project to the other flyovers," the official added.

The BBMP has already partnered with citizens' volunteer group, The Ugly Indians, and other organisations to beautify flyovers and the stretch under the metro pillars with an aim of preventing defacement by pasting posters.

Shivananda Circle flyover, the construction of which began in 2017, has run into controversies ever since.

The civic body recently threw the flyover open to traffic.

Following quality concerns, the BBMP had asked the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) to submit a report after a technical analysis. However, flyover was opened to for traffic even before the report from IISc.

Ayushman Digital Mission: Karnataka now stands first in India with 25,511 registered professionals

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

From a mere 124 verified healthcare professionals in its Health Professionals Registry (HPR) under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) in July, Karnataka now stands first in the country with 25,511 professionals registered in its HPR.

Likewise, with 23,983 verified health facilities under ABDM, Karnataka now has the second highest number of health facilities in Health Facility Registry (HFR). Uttar Pradesh is on top in this category with 28,774 verified facilities.

According to the ABDM dashboard launched by the National Health Authority, Karnataka has so far created 88.8 lakh Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts (ABHAs). With this, Karnataka is in the 12th position in terms of ABHAs created. Of the total 24.46 crore ABHAs created in the country, Andhra Pradesh is the highest contributor with 3.41 crore as of Thursday.

Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission aims to digitise healthcare delivery by building ecosystem that rides on collaboration between the government and the private sector. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

With 800 integrators and over 40 digital health service applications integrated into it, the ABDM aims to digitise healthcare delivery by building an ecosystem that rides on collaboration between the government and the private sector. Under the ABDM, every citizen would be provided with a unique health identity. Along with it, a comprehensive registry of all the doctors – from superspecialists to general physicians – will be collated.

State Health Commissioner Randeep D., who is also the State ABDM Mission Director, told *The Hindu* on Wednesday that Karnataka has so far linked personal health records (PHR) of nearly 1.81 lakh patients on the E-hospital portal.

"The State-run K.C. General Hospital in Bengaluru has been awarded the 'Ayushman Utkrishtata Puraskaar' by the National Health Authority for being the top government facility in the country for digitisation of the highest number of PHRs linked to ABHAs. The award was presented at the Arogya Manthan 2022 held in Delhi on Monday," he said.

"The evaluation cut-off date for the ABDM evaluation was September 19 and till then the top three health facilities in India for PHR linkage were from our State. Apart from K C General, District hospitals in Dharwad and Vijayapura had the highest linkages. We did not miss a single opportunity to promote interoperability and its benefits to people. Once they witnessed the advantages of digitisation, it was easier to make them understand," he said.

Healthcare infrastructure

Healthcare Professionals Registry	Registered healthcare professionals	Registered healthcare facilities
Total verified professionals: 25,511	Highest in Bengaluru Urban: 1,751	Highest in Dakshina Kannada: 1,847
Total verified facilities: 23,983	Lowest in Gadag: 340	Lowest in Yadgir: 384

Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts

Total number of accounts	Highest in	Lowest in
88.8 lakh	Bengaluru Urban: 27.8 lakh	Bagalkot: 0.4 lakh

Private hospitals

"To portray ease of process to stakeholders, all government health facilities were registered in the first phase. But the main challenge was to push private hospitals to get registered. We involved the Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes Association (PHANA) and other speciality associations and told them that they will be recognised on the digital platform only through ABDM," the Commissioner said.

"We told them that the common identity number for renewal of KPME registration, organ transplant licence and SAST empanelment for AB-ArK will be the ABDM health facility ID. And, doctors who want to do this would also be registered. Following this, registration of private health professionals and facilities increased," he said.

Challenges

"There is an apprehension about privacy and data security. But, we are making it clear that there is no threat as all these are OTP based parameters. Besides this, multiple platforms for PHR creation and linkage and creating/updating of health records in Hospital Information Management System (HIMS) are the other challenges that we are facing," he added.

"We are working on sensitising people on PHR via social media and extensive decentralised awareness information, education and communication campaigns," he added.

Threat call: City advocate seeks protection

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A city-based advocate approached the State and the city police, and the High Court seeking necessary protection following an alleged threat call he received from a person claiming to be speaking on behalf of B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan, MLA.

The advocate Hussain Owais S. said that he was handling a civil suit related to a property dispute between his client and the family of Mr. Khan. On September 9, he received a call from a man, claiming to be calling on behalf of Mr. Zameer Ahmed Khan, who threatened him with dire consequences if he did not withdraw the case.

Mr. Owais brought this incident to the notice of the court and based on its direction, the Commercial Street police have registered a case.

HC finds traffic police violated norms while booking techie for drunken driving

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Observing that the traffic police failed to follow the procedure to act against drunken drivers, the High Court of Karnataka has discharged a software engineer and his friend from the charge of assaulting a traffic policeman, when they were booked for driving a motorcycle under the influence of alcohol.

A file photo of traffic police cracking down on drunken driving.

Not videographed

Justice Mohammad Nawaz passed the order while pointing out that the traffic police had failed to videograph the activity of checking drunken driving as per the circular issued in 2015 by the Bengaluru police.

The court also pointed out that the traffic police had even failed to call the jurisdictional police to act against the accused persons as mandated in the circular. As the traffic policeman had collected the fine for drunken driving from the accused, the court found that it was a violation of the circular.

Only the court is authorised to decide the fine amount for drunken driving, and under no circumstances can the fine be collected by the traffic police to pay it on behalf of the accused.

Though complaint lodged by the traffic policeman had said that the accused were apprehended with the help of the public, the court found that no member of the public were cited as eyewitnesses in the chargesheet, which was filed merely on the basis of statements of two police constables.

"I have no hesitation to hold that the ingredients of the offence alleged are not made out. The materials collected by the prosecution are not sufficient to show that the incident as projected by the prosecution has taken place," Justice Nawaz observed.

PSI recruitment scam: CID files chargesheet against Amrit Paul

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID), probing the PSI recruitment scam, filed an additional chargesheet against Amrit Paul, Additional Director-General of Police (recruitment division), alleging he received over ₹1 crore from candidates to help them clear the exam.

The chargesheet, containing 1,406 pages with 78 documents and 38 statements of witnesses, highlights his role in the scam, conspiracy to carry it out, and collection of money from aspirants through his staff and also through one of his neighbours.

Investigation by the CID revealed that the accused, who had allegedly received a cut of ₹1.35 crore from candidates, had given the money to his neighbour Shambhulinga Swamy. The CID had seized ₹41 lakh from him and recorded his statement which will be used against the accused.

Protest staged

The Hindu Bureau
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The JAC of various State government employees' associations on Thursday protested at Freedom Park. Among other things, they opposed demand for donations for Punyakoti Dattu Yojane, the government's cattle adoption scheme.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client **Mr. Sushil Kumar Gupta,** son of Mr. Sita Ram Lal, being the owner of Residential flat No. 202, in 2nd floor, of Spring Block, Shilpitha Sunflower situated at **Borwell Road, Nallurahalli Village, Whitefield, Bangalore 560066,** represents that ORIGINAL Construction Agreement and Agreement to sell in respect of the above mentioned property has been lost / misplaced and has not been mortgaged / pledged as collateral security and is not in a position to trace the said original document. My client has complained to the Jurisdictional police station about the aforesaid loss.

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Corrigendum
Notice dated: 24.08.2022

Subject: Corrigendum with respect to Notice no. 03/2022-23 Inviting Tender for Selection of Management Consultant cum Transaction Advisory (MCTA) vide PR no. 276339 for Jharkhand State Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (JSMDCL)

With reference to the last Notice No. 03/2022-23 dated 24.08.2022, we would like to inform all the prospective bidders that there are certain amendments in the RFP in lieu of the pre bid queries received by JSMDCL against the above tender. The detail document containing the queries of the bidders and their response can be viewed at ***jharkhandtenders.gov.in***

This is also informed that the last date for submission is being extended till 18th of October 2022 and the date of bid opening will be 21st October 2022.

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Police begin sealing of PFI offices across Karnataka

The Popular Front of India office in Bengaluru. K. MURALI KUMAR

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Following the proscription of Popular Front of India (PFI) and its eight affiliates across the country, the police began implementing the ban by conducting search, seizure and closure of PFI offices across the State on Thursday.

Its offices in Bengaluru, Mysuru, Mandya, Belagavi and several other districts were searched and sealed on Thursday. The police seized books of accounts, computers, hard discs and other electronic materials, books, pamphlets and other printed material, among others, published by PFI, which will be part of the probe now.

Home Minister Araga Jnanendra met with senior police officials, including DG&IGP Praveen Sood, and Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Rajaneesh Goel on Thursday and ordered implementation of the ban in the State.

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs has delegated the responsibility of implementing the ban to State governments. The Chief Secretary has, in turn, passed on the instructions to Deputy Commissioners and Commissioners of Police in the State.

These officials have submitted a report of all premises in their jurisdictions used by PFI and its eight affiliates, to the Home Secretary who on Thursday began notifying these premises under the UAPA, 1967, leading to their sealing down and closure by the police.

Meanwhile, the Cybercrime police in the State have been taking down social media accounts, including Twitter, Facebook and several other platform accounts of PFI, Campus Front of India and seven other affiliates banned in the country.

Sources said they were also looking at ways and means to shut down official groups in the name of these proscribed organisations on instant messaging platforms such as WhatsApp and Telegram.

COMEDK begins process for UGET counselling for engineering courses

Owing to delay in CET counselling, the government has not given a formal go-ahead to Karnataka Unaided Private Engineering Colleges Association to begin counselling for professional courses

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Even before getting a formal green signal from the State government, the Consortium of Medical, Engineering, and Dental Colleges of Karnataka (COMEDK) has commenced the process for UGET-2022 counselling for engineering courses from Thursday.

COMEDK has released a total of 18,439 seats, in its 60% management quota, including 15,995 seats for general merit and 2,444 for Hyderabad-Karnataka quota, for the first round of counselling. It has allowed students to do choice filling (in the mock round) from Thursday 4 p.m. to October 2, 11 a.m. Mock allotment will be held on October 4 at 11 a.m.

Owing to delay in CET-2022 counselling, the State government has not given a formal go-ahead to Karnataka Unaided Private Engineering Colleges Association (KUPECA) to commence counselling for professional courses. The government postponed the meeting twice with KUPECA in this regard.

Again, KUPECA had written a letter to government and requested permission to commence UGET-2022 counselling for professional courses on September 19.

COMEDK has released a total of 18,439 seats, in its 60% management quota, including 15,995 seats for general merit and 2,444 for Hyderabad-Karnataka quota, for the first round of counselling. FILE PHOTO

Meanwhile, Karnataka High Court has resolved KCET-2022 repeaters issue and Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) will announce the revised UG-CET-2022 result on October 1. The Higher Education Minister has announced that CET counselling will start from October 3.

M.R. Jayaram, Vice-Chairman, COMEDK, told *The Hindu*, "On appeal of the government, COMEDK didn't start the counseling process in view of the KEA case pending before the High Court. Now that the issue has been resolved and KEA has also announced that it will start its counseling, COMEDK decided that counseling should start immediately. We conducted COMEDK exam at the pan-India level and more than 70% of the students are from all over India. That is why we started counselling for 60% of management quota seats."

The upper limit of basic annual tuition fee, as agreed between the State government and the Association of Colleges, was between ₹2,01,960 and ₹1,43,748 last year. COMEDK has said that fee for the current year will be updated shortly.

INBRIEF

Man claims son forced him into rehab to take over property

A 53-year-old owner of a bar and restaurant has accused his son and his nephew of getting him admitted to a rehab centre for over three years to take over his property.

Based on the complaint on Monday, the police registered a case of criminal intimidation and wrongful confinement against the son and his cousin. Mr. Narayanaswamy alleged that his son Yeshwanthkumar and his nephew Chethan Babu forcibly admitted him into a rehab centre and allegedly bribed the staff to torture him for three years.

Text & Context
A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (September 30, Friday), the following explainer is available:

- Explained | The draft Telecommunication Bill, 2022
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Timings
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FRIDAY, SEP. 30	
RISE 06:09	SET 18:10
RISE 09:57	SET 21:38
SATURDAY, OCT. 01	
RISE 06:09	SET 18:10
RISE 10:58	SET 22:33
SUNDAY, OCT. 02	
RISE 06:09	SET 18:09
RISE 12:01	SET 23:34

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	31	24
Mysuru	32	21
Bengaluru	27	20

Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be comfortable but humid.Night will be pleasant. Chances of light to moderate rain and thundershower will occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
27°C A comfortable but humid weather to prevail. Night remains pleasant.Spell of rain and thundershower is expected.

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Probe connection between BJP and SDPI, says Siddaramaiah

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Seeking an investigation by a sitting High Court judge on the relationship between the BJP and the Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI), often associated with the now banned Popular Front of India (PFI), leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah on Thursday challenged the State government to come out with specific cases and names of PFI activists that the Congress government withdrew as alleged by the ruling BJP.

"I had written four letters to the BJP government seeking details of cases against PFI and its activists withdrawn during the Congress government. The answer provided by the government does not show any reference to PFI in cases that were withdrawn by the Congress government. Instead, the answer shows that cases against farmers, Dalits, workers and activists of Communist organisations had been withdrawn. Some of the accused in these cases are incidentally Muslims," Mr. Siddaramaiah said in a detailed press statement in response to the BJP accusation that cases against PFI activists had been withdrawn.

Stating that the BJP was "peddling lies" on the issue, he asked the BJP government to provide specific instances where the Congress withdrew cases against PFI or PFI workers.

Meanwhile, speaking in Mysuru, Minister for Primary and Secondary Education B.C. Nagesh equated the Congress with the PFI. The Minister said the RSS was a "nationalist organisation" working for the country, while the PFI was engaged in "anti-national" activities and was hence banned.

'Influence of Sanskrit is strong abroad'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Minister for Finance, has said that the influence of Sanskrit is strong even abroad and the Centre will take necessary steps to establish this language at global level.

Speaking on the occasion of the Sanskrit Week Celebration 2022 on Thursday, she said: "We talk about learning Sanskrit in the country. However, there is a Sanskrit school in Sydney. Most of them are practising Sanskrit language in digital learning."

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Maneka Gandhi asks Stalin to protect wildlife

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Concerned about growing illegal wildlife trade linked to Tamil Nadu, Maneka Gandhi, MP, has written to Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin asking him to ensure the protection of wildlife and empower the police to do the same.

In a letter on Thursday, a copy of which is available with *The Hindu*, Ms. Gandhi said: "A number of forest guards and officials have been caught over the last few years poaching and selling wildlife items. They are protected by senior forest officers who do not want to expose corruption in the department. But the result has been a massacre in the last ten years of elephants in Tamil Nadu, so much so that the CBI has had to step in".

Citing a recent incident where an individual, Kaliyappan from Krishnagiri district, was arrested by the Bengaluru police while trying to sell elephant tusks, she said he had confessed that his son worked in the Forest Department and the tusks were stolen from the Range Forest office. Ms. Gandhi alleged that inquiries were being dragged on for months without any conclusion.

"Wildlife crime is the second largest form of crime in the world. In order to lessen it, most Indian States empowered the police to enforce the Wildlife Act decades ago. In fact, Karnataka and Odisha have a CID Forest Cell of police exclusively for Wildlife Protection Act, 1972," she said in the letter.

Employees of People Tree Hospitals during the walkathon in Bengaluru on Thursday.

World Heart Day

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

More than 300 employees of People Tree Hospitals created awareness about having a healthy heart at Nandi Hills by highlighting healthy lifestyle practices, to mark the World Heart Day on September 29, according to a release.

ODISHA JOINT ENTRANCE EXAMINATION-2022 (OJEE-2022)

No:- OJEE / 444 Date: 29.09.2022

NOTICE FOR NEET (UG) - 2022 QUALIFIED STATE CANDIDATES REGARDING REGISTRATION AND PREPARATION OF STATE MERIT LIST FOR ADMISSION TO MBBS / BDS COURSES IN ACADEMIC SESSION, 2022-23

This is for information of the candidates, who have qualified in NEET(UG) - 2022 and are interested to participate in Odisha State Medical Counselling for the academic session - 2022-23, that the online registration process for preparation of state merit list will **start from 30.09.2022.**

For more information about the process and the schedule, candidates are advised to visit OJEE websites **(www.ojee.nic.in, www.odishajee.com)**.

Only, the candidates, who are natives of Odisha, are eligible for all the state quota MBBS and BDS seats in Odisha. However, other state candidates may apply for NRI quota seats only. Therefore, candidates must ensure their eligibility before registering.

Sd/-
Chairman, OJEE

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TENDER ALERT

1)E-Tender Call Notice No.CPC-18/2022-23: Engineering, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 2 Nos 33kV outgoing feeder bays at 220/33kV GIS Substation, Godisahi (IDCO Industrial Complex, Ramdashpur) on "Turnkey contract basis". Bidding documents will be available w.e.f 30.09.2022(11.00Hrs).

2) E-Tender Call Notice No.06/2022-23 of SE-CWC-OPTCL-BBSR: Construction of proposed SLDC Office Complex (Multi Storied) in SLDC premises at Mancheswar, Bhubaneswar under Civil works Circle, Bhubaneswar. Sales and receipt of tender documents will be start w.e.f 01.10.2022 (11.00Hrs).

Complete set of bidding documents are available on the tender portal: **www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL** portal, **www.tenderodisha.gov.in** portal and OPTCL's official website: **www.optcl.co.in**. HIPR-28/2022-23
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

GUVNL invites tenders for procurement of power from 600 MW grid connected Solar Photovoltaic power projects to be developed in the Solar Park of GSECL located at Khavda through Tariff based Competitive Bidding process (followed by e-reverse auction) with Greenshoe option for additional 600 MW through RfS No.GUVNL/600 MW/Solar (Phase-XVII) dated 29.09.2022. For tender documents please visit the website: www.bharat-electronictender.com and www.guvnl.com. The last date of bid submission is 15-11-2022.

Date: 30-09-2022 **General Manager (RE & IPP)**

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Tender has been invited as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements Act 1999 for Repair and Painting of Furniture and other items at Mysore Medical College and Research Institute, Mysuru and its Associated Hospitals and also at Hostels. The Tender documents may be downloaded from E-procurement website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 28.09.2022 and last date for submission of Tenders through E-procurement website is 28.10.2022 upto 5.00 PM. Those tenders which are not submitted with E.M.D. will be rejected. If, the last date for submission of Tender treated as holiday, the next working day will be considered as last date. No Notification in this regard will be announced.

Sd/- Director and Dean, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute, Mysuru

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No:R/KVAFSU/(Rectt.(T)371J posts/2022-23 Date:29.09.2022

RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION

Sub: Recruitment for Teaching posts (Kalyana Karnataka Cadre) at KVAFSU, Bidar…reg
Ref : Approval of the Vice Chancellor Dt. 28-9-2022 (14646)

The Karnataka Veterinary, Animal & Fisheries Sciences University, Bidar invites the Applications from the eligible candidates for recruitment of various Teaching posts under Kalyana Karnataka Cadre. The detailed Vacancy Position, Prescribed Qualifications, Scorecard, General instructions and other details can be downloaded from the University website www.kvafsu.edu.in.

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Request for Proposal (RfP)

RfP No. 2/CE/ TSIIC/2022-23 **dt: 29.09.2022**

Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Limited (TSIIC), the nodal agency of Government of Telangana for development of industrial infrastructure in the State, invites Request for Proposal (RfP) for "Development of IT Tower at Malakpet, Hyderabad, Telangana, India on Joint Development Basis".

The Request for Proposal (RfP) document can be downloaded from **www.tsiic.telangana.gov.in** and **https://tsiic.cgg.gov.in/** from 30.09.2022.
Last date for submission of Proposals: 29.10.2022, 17.00 Hrs (IST).

Sd/- **Vice Chairman & Managing Director**
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No.Sup/CR/69/2022-23 **Date:23.09.2022**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sub: Invitation of Tender for the Supply of Journals to the Library of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute, Mysuru.

The Tender has been invited as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements Act 1999 for the Supply of Medical / Nursing / Para Medical Journals to the Library of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute, Mysuru for the year 2023. The Tender documents may be downloaded from E-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **01.10.2022** and last date for submission of Tenders through E-procurement website is **30.10.2022 upto 5.00 PM.** Those tenders which are not submitted with E.M.D. will be rejected.

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Sd/- Director and Dean,
Mysore Medical College and Research Institute, Mysuru.

DIPR/MYS/KAVITA/528/2022-23

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

Notice to the Respondent No. 2, vide Court order dated : 22.09.2022
WRIT PETITION NO. 17588/2021 (L-TER)

The Workmen of
M/S AISIN NTTF Private Limited
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V.G. Gopal Building
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Bengaluru – 560 004
Represented by its General Secretary
(Sri. V.S. Naik, Adv.,)
Vs
Respondents
The Management of
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And Another

To : **Respondent No.2**
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After Kamakya Theatre
Bengaluru – 560 085.
Rep by its Proprietor.

WHEREAS the Writ Petition filed by the above named petitioner under Article 226 & 227 of the Constitution of India, praying to permit the Respondent No.1 to take substituted service of notice to the Respondent No.2 by way of paper publication in the English daily "The Hindu" in Kannada daily "Udayavani" news papers.

Notice is hereby given to you to appear in the Court either in person or through Counsel duly instructed or through some one authorized by law, to Act for you in the above Writ Petition on 18.10.2022 at 10.30 A.M. in case you Intend to contest the Writ petition. If you fail to appear, the same will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this 22nd day of September, 2022.

By Order of the Court
Sd/-
Assistant Registrar

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that, our client viz., **Smt. Pushpalatha .S Pai** has lost the original registered Sale deed dated 12.09.1995, Document No. 3812/1995-96 with respect to Site bearing No. 37 carved out of Sy. No. 106, Hebbagodi CMC Khata No. 2278/2235/135/37 situated at 14th A Cross, 8th C Main, Shree Ananthnagar phase I, Electronic City post, Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore -560 100.

Our client has already lodged the Police Complaint on 27.09.2022 in the jurisdictional Police Station vide Lost Report No. 0344000/2022. Any person/s having or claiming any manner of right, title & interest over the above said Property or found aforesaid mentioned original document may intimate the same in writing to the under signed along with documentary evidence in support of their claim **within 7 days** from the date of this publication, failing which, it will be presumed that the said Original Registered Sale deed dated 12.09.1995, Document No. 3812/1995-96 is lost.

If any person holding the said Original Registered Sale deed dated 12.09.1995, Document No.3812/1995-96 may kindly contact the undersigned at the earliest.

Dated this 30th day of September 2022 at Bangalore.

M/s. LEGAL NEXUS,
Advocates and Consultants,
No. 428, First Floor, 24th Main, 25th Cross, HSR Layout, Sector 2, Bangalore – 560 102, Mobile: 9945688974; 9164150690.

KARNATAKA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
No.16 C-1, Millers Tank Bed Area, Vasanthanagara, Bengaluru - 560052. Phone: 080-22268677/78/79 Fax: 080-22268667
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No: KERC/DD(TRN)/Y/02/22/1024 **Date: 29-09-2022**

NOTICE

Sub: The Draft "KERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) (Ninth Amendment) Regulations, 2022.

The draft of "KERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) (Ninth Amendment) Regulations, 2022, proposed to be made by the KERC is published in the State Gazette on 27-09-2022. A copy of the draft is made available on KERC's Website: **www.kerc.karnataka.gov.in.** Interested Persons may file their written Objections / Suggestions / Views, if any, on the draft Regulations to the Secretary, KERC, within 21-days from the date of publication in the Gazette.

Sd/- Secretary
For Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission

DIPR/CP/2427/2022-23

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL,IPC. Division No.1, Kalaburgi.

No.EE/KNNL/IPCD-1/tender/ PB-5,6 &10/ 2022-23/1240 Date : 28-09-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through -E-Procurement)

Reff 1) Tender notification No 1236 Dted; 28.09.2022
2) Tender notification No 1237 Dted: 28.09.2022

On behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL Bangalore the Executive Engineer, KNNL IPC DIVN No,1 Kalaburagi, invites the Percentage tender for 11 works of Gandorinala Project under 4701 and 2701 Head of works for the year 2022-23. INo 33977, 33978, 33976 & 34017(Others), 33960(ST reserved), 33691, 34014, 33578 (call-2) & 33579 (call-2) (SC reserved) in Single cover system and I No 33939, 34042 in Two cover system. Details are as below.

1) Amount put to tender : **Minimum Rs 3.79 Lakhs Maximum Rs 381.35 Lakhs,** 2) EMD Amount Minimum Rs 4740.00 Maximum Rs 5,72,025.00, 3) Access to e-Tender document **30.09.2022 at 11.00 AM to 12.10.2022 at 5.00 PM,** 4) Queries and Pre bid meeting at Division office : **06.10.2022 at 11.00 AM,** 5) The last date & Time for receipt of tenders : **12.10.2022 upto 5.00 PM**, 6) Opening of bid (Single cover system) & Opening of technical bid (Two cover System) : **14.10.2022 at 11.30 AM** in the office of the Executive Engineer KNNL IPC Div No 1 kalaburagi, 7) Opening of Financial bid (two cover System): **20.10.2022**

Further additional information can be had by visiting website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and the office of the under signed during office hours (Phone No 08472-220590). All other terms and conditions as per original notification.

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
KNNL IPC Division-1, KALABURAGI

DIP/Kalaburagi/678/MC&A/2022-23

VISVESVARAYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka enterprise)
Registered Office:- Visvesvaraya Jala Nigam Limited, #148 Embassy Square, Ground floor, Infantry road, Bengaluru560 001.
Phone No:- 080-22256688/22289966 Fax No:- 080-22264477
e-mail:- techvjnl@gmail.com Website:- www.vjnl.in CIN-U41000KA2016SGC097260
Office of the Executive Engineer, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigam Limited, Upper Bhadra Project Division No.1, Kadur.
e.mail I.D : eeubpdvn1@gmail.com Phone No: 08267-295207

No: VJNL/UBP/EE/D1/Kadur/TenderCorrigendum-1//2022-23/662 Dated: 27.09.2022

CORRIGENDUM NOTIFICATION -1 (THROUGH "e-Procurement" ONLY)

Percentage short term tender through e-portal was invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Managing Director, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigam Ltd, Benagaluru For the Indent Nos vide ref (1): 2232, 2233, 2243, 2234, 2247, 2238, 2244, 2242, 2248 & 2245 and Indent Nos vide ref (2): 2231, 2237, 2239, 2240, 2230, 2246, 2235, 2241 & 2236. Now due to technical reasons again the last date of submission of completed tender documents & date of Opening of technical bid & financial bid are postponed and refixed as mentioned below.

Sl	First in e-procurement	Now to be read as
1	The last date for submission of completed tender documents through eportal	01.10.2022@17.30
2	Date & time of opening of Technical Bid (cover-I) by Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP, Diviaion No-01, Kadur	03.10.2022@10.30 A.M
3	Date & time of opening of Financial Bid (cover-II) by Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP, Diviaion No-01, Kadur	06.10.2022@10.30 A.M

Note: All other terms and conditions of tender mentioned in the reference shall remain unchanged except the calendar of events

Sd/- Executive Engineer VJNL, UBP, Division No.1, Kadur

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, KARTHIK Sridharan Dena Sriramulu, R/at No.2/3, Nanjappa Garden, Viveknagar, Bangalore-560047, have changed my name to Karthik Chander Sridharan, vide affidavit dated 28-09-2022 before Notary Y.R.Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

I, MADHU Ravi, R/a No.37, Hongempu Nilaya, 2nd Crs, 1st Stg, Vittal Nagar, B'lore-78 have changed my name to Madhu Krishnappa vide affidavit dt: 13.09.2022 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'lore

I, NICHENAMETLA Gopalaiah Nagaraj, R/a Varshini Residency, Flat No.202, 3rd Flr, 2nd Mn Rd, Spoorthi Nagar, Uttarahalli, B'luru-61 have changed my name to Nichenametla Gopalaiah Nagaraju vide affidavit dt: 27.09.2022 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'lore

I, LAKSHMI Bai Srinivas Rao, R/a No.3965, Sri Vatsa 3rd Mn, BSK 2nd Stg, B'luru-70 have changed my name to Lakshmi Bai Bangalore Narasinga Rao vide affidavit dt: 27.09.2022 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'lore

I M Vinod Ponnappa s/o M B Ponnappa aged 50 years R/at no 6 13th cross Kanakanagar RT nagar post Blore 560032 submit that my name has changed to Manavatira Vinod Ponnappa vide affidavit dt 27 sep 22 before Notary Jalandhara, Bangalore.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, KOMAL Oswal, R/a No.7/1, Jain Temple Street, V V Puram, B'lore-04 have changed my name to Komal Mangilal Oswal vide affidavit dt: 13.09.2022 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'lore

WE, THEJASHWINI D L and Manohara G A, R/at No.4026,1st Floor Janapriya Apartment, Sunkadakatte, Bangalore-560091, have changed our daughter's name from Lakshmi M to Hitha M Gowda, vide affidavit dated 24-09-2022 before Notary K S Giridhar, Bengaluru.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 74th ADDI. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT MAYO HALL, BANGALORE CCH-75
O.S. No. 26579/2020
Between
ICICI Bank Limited having its Registered Office at ICICI Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara- 390007 And its Branch Office at Mythri Centre, No. 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068 **...Plaintiff**
And
Sowmya M.C. ...Defendant
NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS
To,
Sowmya M.C., Aged about 34 years, D/o. Chandra Mouleswara, R/a. 572, Building No.118, Shirke Apartment, C/o. Rajesh A.S, Kengeri, Near Ganesh Temple, Bangalore- 560060 **...Defendant**

Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against the both of you seeking recovery of Rs.2,72,438.02/- as on 03/11/2020 along with interest at 24% p.a. and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the Court of City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore [CCH-75] in personally or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on **10/11/2022** at **11 A.M.** Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court, this 20th day of September, 2022.

Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court
Mayo hall, Bengalore

Advocate for Plaintiff
Shiva & Co., Advocates
No. 109, Commerce House, 9/1, Cunningham Road
Bangalore- 560052

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MAHBOOB Pasha Nazeer, R/at No.84, 3rd Floor, 7th Cross, Rose Garden, Bazaar Street, Neelasandra, Bangalore-560047, have changed my name to Mahaboob Pasha, vide affidavit dated 28-09-2022 before Notary Y.R.Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 13th ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT MAYOHALL, BANGALORE (CCH-22)
O.S. NO. 25699/2020
Between
ICICI Bank Limited having its Registered Office at ICICI Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road. Vadodara-390007 And its Branch Office at Mythri Centre, No.4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 **...Plaintiff**
And
Renuka M ...Defendant
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT
To,
Renuka M,
Aged about 44 years,
W/D/o: Mahadevvaya
R/a: 15, Survey 114/1, New Kempegowda Layout
3rd Stage, Kaveri Nagar, Katriguppe, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085 **...Defendant**

Whereas the plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against the both of you seeking recovery of Rs.4,59,058.71/- as on 07/02/2020 along with interest at 24% p.a and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the 13th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore (CCH-22) in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on 31.10.2022 at 11 A.M. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court, this 21st day of September, 2002

By order of the Court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court,
Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff
Shiva & Co. Advocates,
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O.S. NO. 4456/2021
Between :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at : Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007 and branch office at: 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560068 through its Authorized representative.
Mr. Rohith Ali M **...Plaintiff**
And :
Mr. Kanaparthi Bala Krishna **...Defendant**
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC
Defendant :
Mr. Kanaparthi Bala Krishna, S/o. Narasimham, Aged about 32 Years, R/at No. 26, CKB Layout, Near Nest Bakery, Munnekolala, Marathahalli, Bengaluru- 560037.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs. 4,90,603/- along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the LXXV Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H-61), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 11.10 22 at 11:00 A.M to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte. Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 21st day of 2022 at Bangalore.

By Order of the Court
Assistant Registrar
Hon'ble City Civil Court
Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners,
Advocates, No. 701,
Queens Corner 'A',
3, Queens Road,
Bengaluru- 01

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE XXX ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-31)
O.S. NO. 356/2021
Between :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at : Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007, having its head office at M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd., No.1, Shobha Pearl, 2nd Floor, MG Road, Commissariat Road, Bangalore- 560025, and branch office at : 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560068 through its Authorised representative.
Mr. Pramodh. G **...Plaintiff**
And
Mrs. Nagete Vinuthna **...Defendant**
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC
Defendant :
Mrs. Nagete Vinuthna, D/o. Mr. Nagete Vijaya Bhaskar, Aged about 30 Years, Residing at No.32, K No. 85/1, Munnekolala, Marathahalli Post, Near Balaji Layout, Bengaluru- 560037

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs. 4,46,944/- along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the XXX Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H.-31), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 21-11-2022 at 11:00 AM to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte. Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 23rd September, 2022 at Bangalore.

By Order of the Court
Assistant Registrar
Hon'ble City Civil Court
Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners,
Advocates,
No. 701, Queens Corner 'A',
3, Queens Road,
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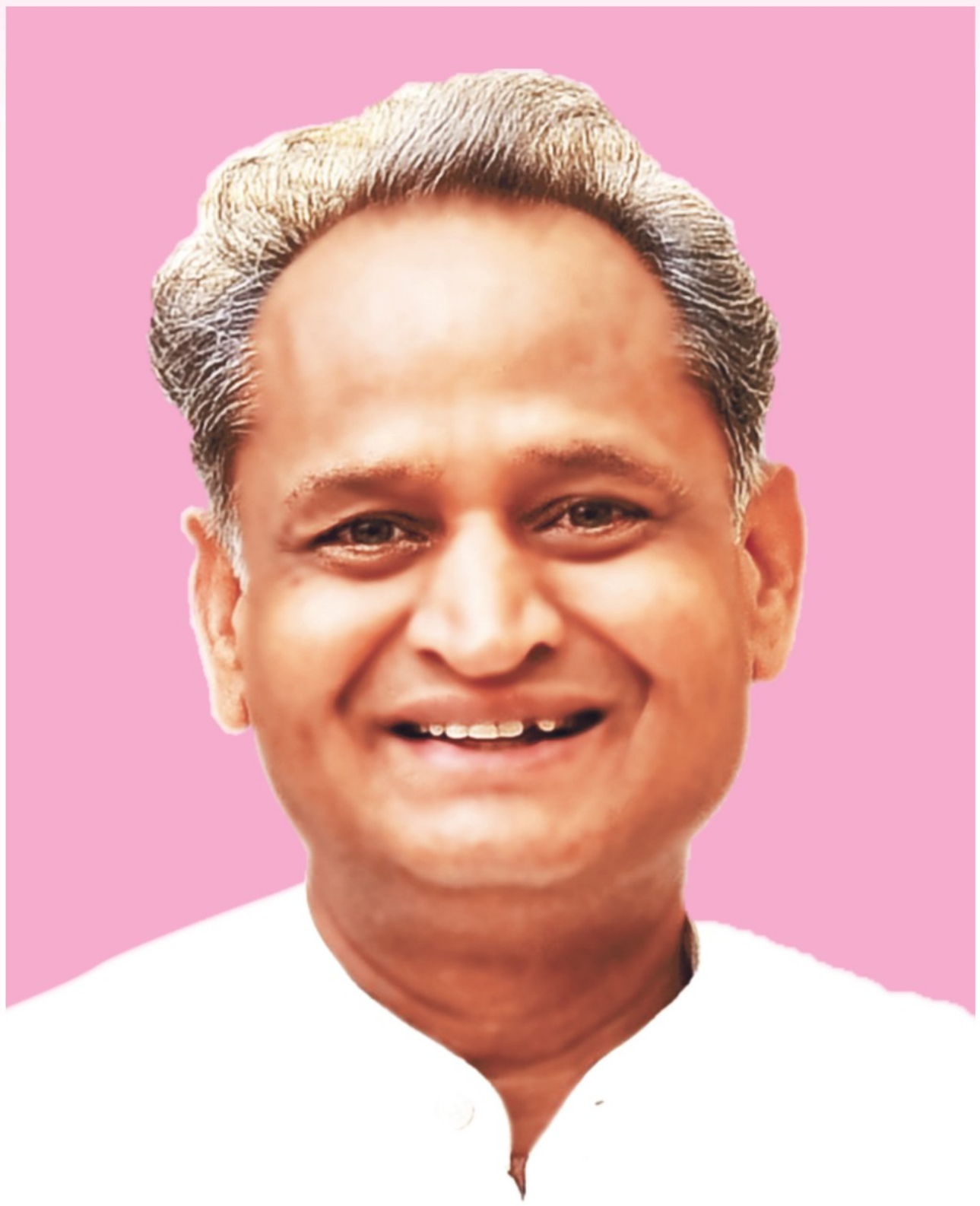

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"Menstruation is a normal natural process in women. Today we are living in the 21st century. Now we should openly discuss about menstruation. Women should talk about this in the family without any hesitation. We have started the scheme of free distribution of sanitary napkins. This scheme will prove to be an important step towards women empowerment."

Ashok Gehlot, Chief Minister, Rajasthan

Why sanitary napkins are important

Lack of awareness about menstruation exposes the backwardness and mental conservativeness of the society. Educating girls and women about menstruation and most importantly, easy availability of sanitary pads is a praiseworthy initiative.

Dr. Sudhir Bhandari
Vice Chancellor, Rajasthan University of Health Sciences, Jaipur

Not using sanitary napkins or pads during periods can lead to urine infection, cervix infection, infection in the fallopian tubes and ovaries, infertility (infertility) and even cervical cancer. The free distribution scheme of sanitary napkins the state government is no less than a boon.

Dr. Pushpa Nagar
Sr. Prof., Dept. of Gynaecology and Obstetrics, Sawai Man Singh Medical College, Jaipur

According to a study, about 62% of women in the country use cloth instead of sanitary napkins during their periods. Use of unhygienic items during periods can also lead to serious diseases like cancer. Therefore, it is very important to use of sanitary napkins.

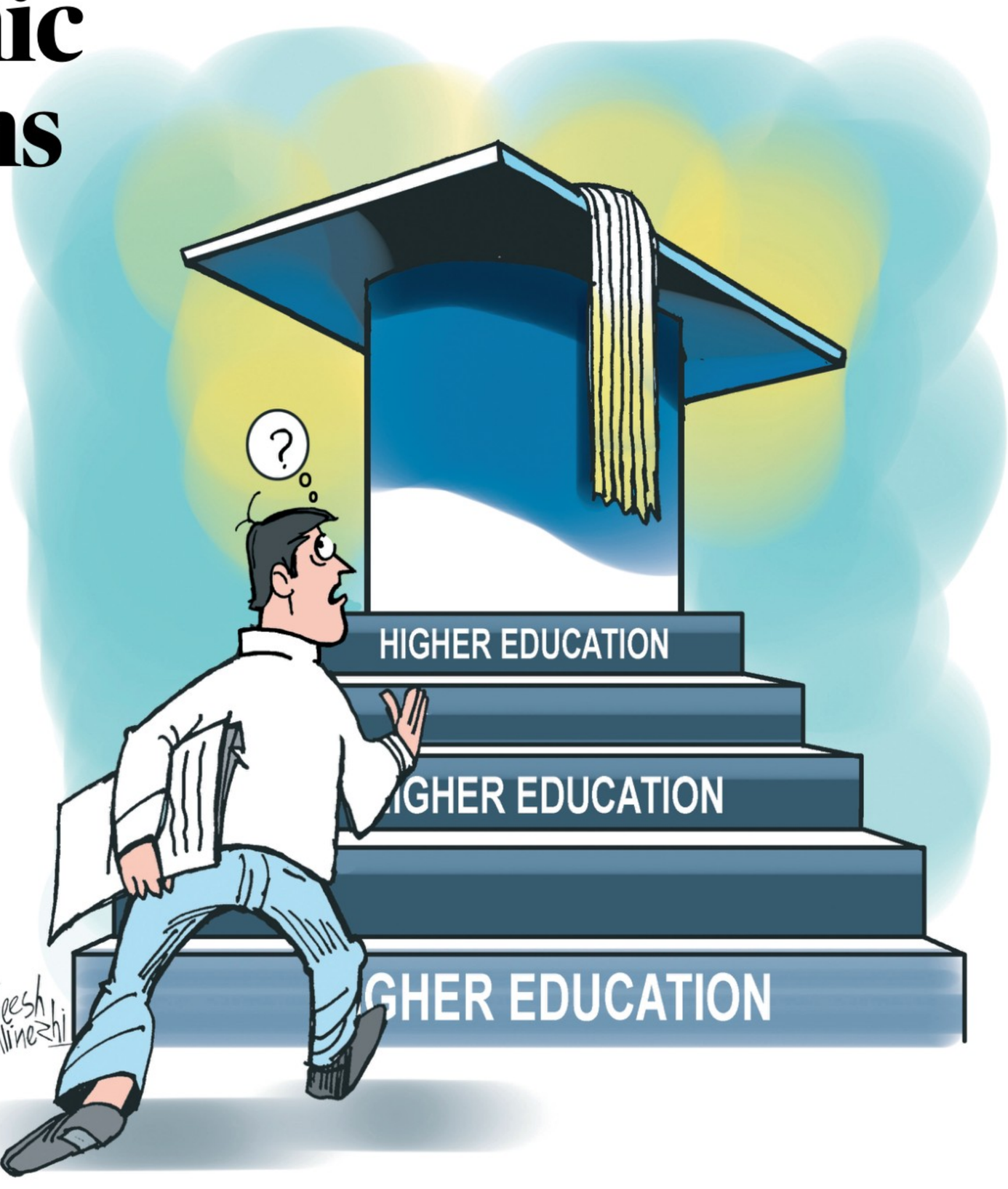
12 Sanitary napkins per month are distributed free of cost to women through Anganwadi centres and Schools in the State

Department of Information & Public Relations, Rajasthan

Rajasthan Sanwad

No post-pandemic relief: Admissions in government colleges drop

According to a recent report by the Department of Collegiate Education, as many as 171 colleges have got fewer than 100 students and most of the colleges have got less than 50% of enrolment this year



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BENGALURU

Despite educational institutions reopening in a full-fledged manner from this year after two pandemic-hit years, government degree colleges are seeing no relief.

According to a recent report by the Department of Collegiate Education, as many as 171 colleges have got fewer than 100 students. These colleges have got only 8,136 students against a potential 1.18 lakh intake. Most of the colleges have got less than 50% of enrolment this year.

There are 430 Government First Grade Colleges (GFGC) in the State with an intake capacity of 2.35 lakh students, including 1.27 Arts, 74,680 Commerce and Management, and 33,672 Science streams.

Three colleges – Government Sanskrit College, Melukote, Mandya district; GFGC Evening College, Mangaluru; and SSA Government First Grade Evening College, Ballari – have got only one student each against a total potential intake of 740.

With a total intake of of 800, GFGC at Thenkanidiyur, Mangalore University, has got only two students. The number of students who have enrolled in 15 government degree colleges of different universities in the State is in single digit.

September 30 is the last date for admissions in degree colleges. According to C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Minister of Higher Education, as of now, a total of 1.02 lakh students have got admitted.

> There is no clarification from the government on whether thee-year degree certificate is enough for B.Ed courses
>
> -- COLLEGE FACULTY MEMBER

Fingers pointed at NEP

The dip in admissions is being attributed to problems in implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP), confusion in selection of subjects, lack of clarity about the eligibility of the degree certificates and financial crunch due to the pandemic.

Karnataka is the first State to implement NEP in higher education. However, there are allegations about faulty implementation leading to the fall in admissions.

Technical glitches

As part of the NEP, the Department of Collegiate Education has made online admission mandatory for all students through the Unified University and College Management System (UUCMS) portal. UUCMS, an integrated university and college management system, has computerised the functioning of higher education institutions.

All phases of learning – from student registration, examinations to graduation – can be handled within this single system.

However, technical glitches were reported in the system during the initial stage, due to which students failed to submit applications on the portal.

On the other hand, private degree colleges called for applications and admitted students in the offline mode, and updated the students' admissions details in the UUCMS portal. Government colleges continued the admission process online despite the technical problems.

"This negligence has led the students towards private colleges," one assistant professor at a GFGC alleged.

They also alleged that the technical problems of the UUCMS have continued, with college staff struggling to update the students' information on the portal, students struggling to pay the examination fee online and the faculties finding it difficult to update the students' attendance.

Subject matter

NEP has given complete liberty to students to select their desired subjects. In addition, degree students will have to study two major subjects and one elective, which can be any subject.

However, government colleges have denied this liberty. Due to a decrease in admission for some subjects, faculty members are allegedly pressurizing students to opt for other subjects. Due to lack of teaching faculty in certain subjects, colleges have also failed to offer students the desired non-core subjects too.

In addition to this, the NEP also offers multiple entry and exit options and four-year degree programmes. The department will give certificate for first year degree, diploma certificate for second year and degree for third year and honours degree for those who complete the fourth year.

However, the government is yet to clarify through a notification whether the three-year degree certificate is enough to write the various competitive examinations on the basis of degree qualification or not.

"There is also no clarification from the government about whether the three-year degree certificate is enough to enter the B.Ed courses or four-year honours degree is required. All this confusion has weaned students away from degree education," another faculty member of a college said.

Into job market

Further, due to the pandemic, that resulted in a financial crunch for many, making higher education unaffordable, forcing many to take up blue collar jobs instead of pursuing a degree, pointed out other academics.

In recent years, the average II PU pass percentage has been 60% and around 4.2 lakh students pass out, becoming eligible for higher education. Among these, around 1.3 lakh students opt for technical courses. The government has sanctioned a total intake of 2.35 lakh for the GFGCs, but regular admission is around 1.2 lakh only. Around 50,000 students are being enrolled in 321 private degree colleges in the State.

With three lakh students entering higher education in the State, around 1.2 lakh do not appear to be entering higher education. Educationists are demanding the government to bring back these missing students.

DWINDLING NUMBERS

430
GFGCs in the State with an intake capacity of 2.35 lakh students, including 1.27 in Arts, 74,680 in Commerce and Management, and 33,672 in Science streams

171
colleges have got fewer than 100 students. These colleges have got only 8,136 students against 1.18 lakh intake

Less than 50%
Enrolment in most colleges this year

September 30 is the last date for admissions in degree colleges

1.02 lakh
Students have got admitted

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colleges have seen admission of a single student each, against a total intake of 740

The number of students enrolled in 15 government degree colleges in the State is in single digit

'A small dip in one academic year should not be treated singularly and with pessimism'

Government has taken many steps aimed at bridging the digital divide between urban-rural, and government-private institutions, says Minister for Higher Education

INTERVIEW

C.N. Ashwath Narayan

Jayanth R.
Bengaluru

C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Minister for Higher Education, Information Technology & Biotechnology, and Science & Technology, spoke to *The Hindu* about dip in admissions and what the government is doing to bring more students into higher education.

Admission in government degree colleges have fallen this year. What is the reason for this?
There are 430 Government First Grade Colleges (GFGCs) in Karnataka. In the past few years, it was observed that total admissions were an average of about 1.2 lakh.

However, during COVID-19 pandemic pandemic, there was 100% pass percentage in II year PU examination. Owing to this, the admission numbers for I year GFGCs surged to 1.8 lakh during 2021-22.

But the pass percentage in II PUC is now reduced considerably, and is 61.88%. However, even this academic year, that is 2022-23, the number of admissions for I year GFGCs is around 1.02 lakh, and post CET counselling, it may improve.

One of the major causes for dip in admission is that most universities and engineering colleges in the State have commenced undergraduate courses, including integrated courses, from the academic year 2022-23. Student admission to degree courses follows a mixed trend. A small dip during any one academic year should not be treated singularly and with pessimism.

What steps will the government take to bring back students to these GFGCs?
Government has adopted multi-pronged approach. For instance, we have implemented Digital Learning Scheme to extend the benefit of technology-enhanced modern methods to the students of GFGCs. As many as 2,500 classrooms have been upgraded into smart classrooms with projector, UPS and uninterrupted net. Tablets are being distributed to first year degree students. All these are aimed at bridging the digital divide between urban-rural, government-private institutions.

On the other hand, the Government has selected 1,242 eligible candidates through written test conducted by KEA for the post of assistant professors. Measures are in place to improve infrastructure in GFGCs with the help of MNCs through CSR funds, NGOs and philanthropists.

Government has entered into an MoU with Infosys and has availed of access to Infosys Springboard, which is an online platform offering more than 12,000 online certificate courses to students and teachers, free of cost. Complete fee is being waived for girl students in GFGCs. Several scholarships are also in place to assist students financially. Placement activities are continuously being improved.

On the whole, the younger generation seems to be retreating from higher education in the post-pandemic phase. What steps is the government taking to get them back into the education stream
Economic crisis due to the pandemic, availability of countless new jobs as an outcome of technological advancements and the lure of economic independence do distract students from pursuing higher education. To assist students who stop their degree education, the government has established 11 evening degree colleges on a pilot basis at already existing GFGCs in municipal corporations under the Sandhya Shakti scheme. These colleges are already operational. More such can be opened.

There is an allegation that confusion in NEP implementation has led the students staying away. It seems that students are not ready to wait for four years to get the honors degree. Previously, after three years, students could attempt any competitive examination on the basis of a degree. But now there is no clarity about the three-year degree certificate.
Even though we are the first State to do so, Karnataka has implemented NEP very meticulously and in a very scientific manner. Very extensive awareness programmes were conducted to bring clarity regarding NEP among various stakeholders. With the multiple entry and exit options created for students under NEP, opportunities for higher education and placements abound instead of diminishing. Four-year degree programme is an option for students and yields honors. Otherwise, a three-year degree has the same scope, validity and opportunities attached to it as before. Degree certificates obtained by students after three years of degree education suffices and qualifies them for attempting competitive examinations.

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After two years of restricted Durga Puja festivities, here is our guide to the Bengali community's liveliest pandals

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It is that time of the year when the city witnesses the sprouting of ornate pandals, surrounded by a swarm of people in traditional red-and-white saris, exchanging lip-smacking milk sweets and savouries. The numerous Bengali associations in Bengaluru are preparing for an uncurbed celebration of Durga Puja after two years of restrained festivities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The festival commences on Maha Panchami (on September 30), followed by Maha Shashti, Maha Saptami, Maha Ashtami, Maha Navami and, finally, Vijaya Dashami (on October 5), when idols of goddess Durga will be immersed. The festivities will kick off this Friday evening when Durga idols are brought to the various pandals.

A spirited affair

The pandals, apart, puja celebrations are usually marked by the mass pujas, the traditional arati, and lots of food.

The associations also try to stand out from the rest by designing their pandals with a socio-cultural theme. The Bengali Association for the Residents of Sarjapur and HSR Area (BARSHA), for instance, has chosen 75 years of Indian Independence as its theme.

"The entry to our pandal will be through a replica of the India Gate," says Ambar Mitra, the president of BARSHA. "On the third evening of the pujo, we are planning to blow 75 conch shells to thank Maa Durga for the well-being of India for 75 years."

"We are also planning to have the idol themed according to one of the most famous and oldest Durga Pujas of West Bengal – the Baghbazar Sarbajanin Durga Puja. This idol will be placed in a replica of Vidhana Soudha 60 feet wide and 20 feet high."

BARSHA expects a turnout of 1.5 to 2 lakh people over the five days of festivities.

The North Bangalore Cultural Samithi, meanwhile, is preparing to host its 45th Durga Puja. The theme for this year is artworks of the late Bengali artist, Jamini Roy.

"This year's idol will be from Kumortoli, a place in Kolkata that is well-known for Durga Puja idols. The bhog prasad will be free on the second, third, fourth, and fifth days of the pujo," says the association's coordinator. "We are expecting a footfall of at least 8,000 people every day."

Many associations are also organising cultural competitions at their venues to attract large crowds.

Puja in the city

How to contact associations in your area

- BARSHA Bengali Association - Bangalore barshabangalore@gmail.com
- North Bangalore Cultural Samithi Hindu Sadara Kshemabhivrudhi Sangha, Mahalakshmipuram **9845498833**
- Sarathi Socio-Cultural Trust Mangala Kalyana Mantapa, Koramangala **7619681444**
- Whitefield Cultural Association Inner Circle Ground, Whitefield **9480485285**
- Bengaluru Sreehatta Sammelani HAL Kalyan Mantap, Old Airport Road **9448490624**

Welcome a week of jazz

The upcoming Indo German International Jazz Week will feature world-class musicians such as the Klaus Graf Quartet, Arifa Quartet and bands from India, from October 5 to 11. Presented by The Consulate-General of The Federal Republic of Germany in association with The Bangalore School of Music, they will perform at Bangalore International Centre and Alliance Francaise. Tickets available on Insider.

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INBRIEF

Praveen Nettaru's wife gets 'Group C' job in CM's office

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has provided a job to the widow of Praveen Nettaru, a BJP youth wing office-bearer from Dakshina Kannada who was murdered on July 26.

A notification issued on Thursday stated that Nuthana Kumari M., wife of Praveen, has been hired for a 'Group C' post in the Chief Minister's Office on contract basis. She will get a monthly salary of ₹30,350 and she would be in service till either Mr. Bommai continues to be the Chief Minister or any new order is issued related to her job, stated the notification. However, her job is subject to verification of required educational documents, the notification noted.

35 lakh signatures collected to 'save public education'

All-India Democratic Students' Organisation (AIDSO) held a State-level students' convention at Freedom Park in Bengaluru at mark the conclusion of its signature campaign to 'Save public education, to save government educational institutions'.

More than 40,000 students participated in the 150-day-long signature campaign and more than 35 lakh signature have been collected from 120 taluks of all the 31 districts of the State, according to the organisation.

Rajashekhar V.N., president of the AIDSO All-India Committee, said, "The State government has proudly announced that Karnataka is the first State in the country to implement the National Education Policy - 2020 (NEP). But ironically, Karnataka is also the first State to protest against the NEP. This new education policy has made recommendations that is sure to curtail government educational institutions."

Vidyashankar S. is new Vice-Chancellor of VTU

Vidyashankar S., who had served as Vice-Chancellor of the Karnataka State Open University, Mysuru, was appointed Vice-Chancellor of the Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, on Thursday.

The previous Vice-Chancellor, Karisiddappa, was continued for two terms till September 26, 2022. Dr. Vidyashankar's was one of the two names that was in contention for the post.

Thaawarchand Gehlot, Governor of Karnataka, appointed Dr. Vidyashankar as the Vice-Chancellor for three years from the date of assuming charge.

Bharat Jodo Yatra set to enter State today, give fillip to Congress cadre

After encouraging public response to Mekedatu padayatra, Siddaramaiah's birthday bash, and Freedom March in Bengaluru, leaders hopeful that the yatra will further motivate party workers

Laiqh A. Khan
MYSURU

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during the party's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' in Kerala. PTI

The start of the Karnataka-leg of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra from Gundlupet in Chamarajanagar on Friday, passing through parts of the party's traditional bastion of Old Mysore region, is expected to further enthuse the party cadres, who are already riding the wave of the impressive turnout at the 75th birthday celebrations of the former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in Davangere.

But it remains to be seen how far the Congress' national leader will strike a chord with the local people and if the fervour in the party over his roadshows in the region will last till the Assembly elections that are at least six months away.

On Gandhi Jayanti

The Congress, which has lined up a series of events including a stopover en route on Gandhi Jayanti at the Khadi Centre at Badanavalu in Nanjangud – incidentally visited by Mahatma Gandhi in 1927 – as well as interactions with civil society members, freedom fighters, and writers amid the ongoing Dasara festivities, is making efforts to mobilise a large number of people for the padayatra, particularly on October 3 morning, when Mr. Gandhi hits the road from Mysuru to Srirangapatna.

The initial phase of the yatra will be passing through the Old Mysore region, which has remained a stronghold of the Congress and the JD(S).

However, the BJP, which has almost always fallen short of numbers to form a government whenever it has come tantalisingly close to winning simple majority in the State Assembly elections, has realised that its bid to return to power in the State on its own will be difficult without making substantial inroads in the Old Mysore region.

BJP's strategy

The saffron party, which has been claiming it will draw up a strategy to win more seats in Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan, and Chamarajanagar districts in South Karnataka, does not believe that Mr. Gandhi's yatra will be of any political or electoral significance. The party leaders point out that the Congress owes its support base in the region to Mr. Siddaramaiah and not to Mr. Gandhi.

The Old Mysore region, with a strong concentration of Vokkaliga votes, is also politically crucial for the JD(S), which is planning to launch its Pancharatna Yatra from November 1, mostly likely from Mysuru, in a bid to checkmate the Congress.

Other marches

However, Congress leaders, who are elated over the encouraging public response to the party's Mekedatu padayatra, Mr. Siddaramaiah's birthday celebrations, and the Freedom March in Bengaluru, are hopeful that the Bharat Jodo Yatra will not only help further motivate the party cadres but also instil in them the hope that the party will come to power after the next elections.

Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee spokesperson H.A. Venkatesh said the charges of corruption on the Basavaraj Bommai government in the State – already highlighted by the party's 'PayCM' campaign, besides the rise in prices of essential commodities, unemployment, farmers' issues, and communal unrest, all on account of the BJP's alleged misrule – would gain traction during the yatra.

Over a lakh have registered to take part, says Congress

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Rahul Gandhi to hold a number of daily interactions with a cross-section of society on various topics

Along the route of Bharath Jodo Yatra, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is set to hold a number of daily interactions with a cross-section of society on various topics, including the Constitution, unemployment, corruption, and price rise. While over a lakh people have registered to participate, more are expected to join the yatra at different places, says the Congress.

Seven districts

The yatra will traverse across seven districts, covering a distance of about 500 km, cutting through Old Mysore region, Central Karnataka, and parts of Kalyana Karnataka region. Incidentally, these are also regions where the Congress is on a stronger ground politically. Corruption and unemployment issues specific to Karnataka will also come up in conversations during the yatra.

While the yatra is expected to raise awareness through interaction on the larger issues, Mr. Gandhi will try to understand cultures through his close interaction. He will be interacting with Kadu Kurubas, Jenu Kurubas, Betta Kurubas, Soligas, Hakki-Pikki, Banjaras, and Lambanis, among many other tribes that dot the landscape in Karnataka.

"Cultural stories that Mr. Gandhi will be hearing could be on the art, culture, and other habits of the tribes and people. His interaction could be on the dying languages here," KPCC communication chairman Priyank Kharge told *The Hindu*.

At Badanavalu, he would visit the Khadi and Gramodyog Centre. He is also expected to interact with villagers who have witnessed bloody caste clashes in the past. When the yatra reaches Mysuru, the Congress leader would also interact with tourist guides to understand how they coped during the COVID-19 pandemic. Closer to Bengaluru, interactions would be with the youth to understand unemployment and the effects of GST, Mr. Kharge said, adding there would be impromptu interactions too.

Over a 100 civil society groups have also extended solidarity for the yatra, and members from these groups are expected to join the conversation with Congress leaders at different places. In Mysuru, writer Devanur Mahadeva is expected to participate.

Community leaders seek new seer for Murugha Mutt

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

A consultation of leaders of Veerashaiva Lingayat community on Thursday, which witnessed heated arguments for some time, finally resolved to seek the appointment of a new seer to the Murugha Mutt (Brihan Mutt) in the wake of the arrest of the present seer in a POCSO case.

The consultation was held at Sibara in Chitradurga taluk under the leadership of the former Minister H. Ekanthaiah. The issue of appointing a new seer to oversee religious activities and administrative affairs of the mutt was discussed at length.

Yatra posters torn, disfigured in Gundlupet

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Banners and flex boards welcoming Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra, which is entering Karnataka on Friday, were found torn and disfigured at Gundlupet in Chamarajanagar district on Thursday.

While at least one of the banners having the images of Mr. Gandhi, the former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar was found ripped at Begur near Gundlupet, a hoarding was disfigured with an exhortation to "use Kannada" near Sindhuvallaipura petrol station.

A videograb of a torn banner of Bharat Jodo Yatra near Gundlupet.

Complaint filed

KPCC spokesperson M. Lakshman said he had filed a complaint with the Superintendent of Police of Chamarajanagar district on this.

The complaint mentioned that some "unscrupulous elements" travelling by car had started disfiguring the hoardings. The complaint also sought "suitable security enroute" for the yatra.

Meanwhile, AICC general secretary and Karnataka in charge Randeep Singh Surjewala took to Twitter to lash out at the BJP and accused it of disfiguring the posters and banners. The BJP is getting jitters at the public response and the success of Bharat Jodo Yatra, he said.

HC to seer: Give clarity on documents to be signed in prison

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Thursday asked the advocate representing Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, seer and president of Sri Jagadguru Murugarajendra Brihan Mutt, to give clarity and proper material on his plea seeking direction to the prison authorities to permit him to affix signatures to cheques and related documents for disbursement of salaries.

Orally observing that a memo, filed by an advocate representing the seer, does not inspire confidence, Justice Nagaprasanna asked the advocate to place proper details while adjourning the hearing on the seer's petition till Friday. The court also indicated that it may have to ask the sessions court in Chitradurga to examine these materials and consider the plea for allowing him to affix signature in prison.

The court on Wednesday directed the seer to file a memo giving particulars of documents and cheques to be signed and explain how he was disbursing salaries to the employees of the mutt and its educational institutions in the usual course before his arrest as his counsel had said that he has to sign around 200 cheques and related documents for disbursement of salaries to more than 3,500 employees.

1,188 cheques

However, from the memo filed on Thursday, the court found "self-salary", "self-RTGS" written on the cheques signed by the seer prior to his arrest and wondered how amounts can be withdrawn to "self" to pay salaries.

Also, the memo has listed 1,188 cheques to be signed by the seer for payment of August and September months' salary and other expenses while listing that he had presented around 900 cheques in June and July.

Meanwhile, the memo has sought permission from the court to allow him to execute special power of attorney in favour of authorised persons to mitigate further complication in administration of the mutt and other institutes.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

A TRIBUTE

He walked steadily, with head held high and spirit serene, into his sunset. We watched his form melt into dusk upon the horizon.

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DEATH

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Excavations shed light on Tipu Sultan's Farokhabad fort

A.S. Jayanth
KOZHIKODE

Less-known facts are now emerging about a well-planned fort that was designed to be part of Farokhabad, the capital of Malabar at Feroke near Kozhikode, as envisioned by the Mysore king Tipu Sultan.

These are coming to light in the course of the excavations by the Kerala State Archaeological Department in the area. Historical documents such as William Logan's *Malabar Manual*, the Joint Commissioner's 'Report on Malabar', and Mohibbul Hassan's *A History of Tipu Sultan* say that Tipu planned to build the fort on the south bank of the Chaliyar river between 1786 and 1790. But its construction could not be completed. A report by the department says that this was the only fort in Kerala built entirely by Tipu.

"The main structures found inside the fort earlier were a bungalow built by the Basel Mission, a laterite chamber, a helical step-well and a rock-cut cave of the early Iron Age. Through systematic exploration, we have now uncovered bastions, ramparts, moats, arsenal remains, and ditch wells," K. Krishnaraj, field survey assistant who is heading the excavations, told *The Hindu*.

Back to life: The wall and laterite chamber unearthed from Mysore king Tipu Sultan's fort at Feroke near Kozhikode in Kerala. K. RAGESH

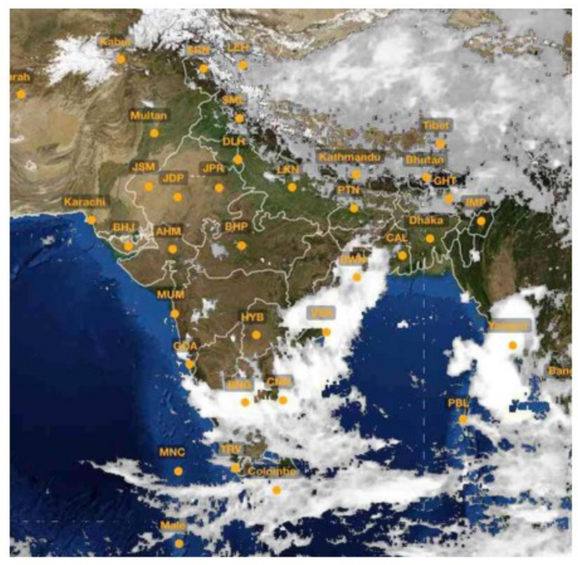
The fort was situated on a strategic location on a hillock with the Arabian Sea on one side and the Chaliyar river on the other to keep an eye on military movements from both sides. The defence wall on the western side was built on a laterite foundation. The bastions are a two-tier structure similar to the one at Tipu's fort in Palakkad. "There was no well on the northern side of the structure, indicating that it must have been the entrance to the fort," Mr. Krishnaraj said.

The excavations have also led to the discovery of copper coins and coin pellet moulds, hinting at a possibility of minting on the premises, probably in the laterite chamber. Musket balls and gun flints are among the other relics excavated from the area. Shards of ceramic collections and Staffordshire pottery too have been found.

The excavation work began in April this year and the third level of work will conclude on Friday. The department had conducted a preliminary study in October 2020.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Forecast for Friday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Telangana, Rayalaseema, central Maharashtra, interior Karnataka and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Marathwada, Konkan & Goa, interior Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	34.9	26.8	Kozhikode	—	32.5	24.2
Ahmedabad	—	34.7	25.6	Kurnool	29	29.8	23.0
Aizawl	—	—	21.5	Lucknow	—	34.2	26.7
Allahabad	—	35.4	25.1	Madurai	—	37.2	26.2
Bengaluru	—	27.2	20.4	Mangaluru	0.5	30.0	23.5
Bhopal	—	33.0	22.4	Mumbai	11	30.0	25.6
Bhubaneswar	—	33.6	25.5	Mysuru	—	31.5	20.8
Chandigarh	—	34.5	22.7	New Delhi	—	33.9	23.3
Chennai	0.1	32.0	25.8	Patna	—	33.2	26.4
Coimbatore	—	32.0	21.6	Port Blair	1	31.6	25.0
Dehradun	28	32.1	21.4	Puducherry	—	32.6	24.8
Gangtok	29	22.6	15.6	Pune	—	31.3	22.8
Goa	—	32.6	23.8	Raipur	65	30.8	23.0
Guwahati	—	34.8	24.4	Ranchi	0.6	28.0	23.0
Hubballi	—	31.0	22.0	Shillong	2	24.1	16.5
Hyderabad	3	30.3	22.9	Shimla	26	—	15.0
Imphal	—	32.2	20.3	Srinagar	—	27.5	14.4
Jaipur	—	36.0	25.4	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.7	24.1
Kochi	—	30.8	24.6	Tiruchi	—	33.3	24.0
Kohima	15	23.6	16.1	Vijayawada	1	33.9	24.9
Kolkata	5	34.8	26.4	Visakhapatnam	—	33.3	27.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.25	..8	.40	32	68	
Bengaluru	.10	..18	.20	42	57	
Chennai	...5	..50	.98	68	86	
Delhi	.26	..90	..—	...220	...450	
Hyderabad	.14	2	139	72	88	
Kolkata	...8	..14	.11	...102	82	
Lucknow	...8	..60	.67	...115	...121	
Mumbai	.16	109	103	84	...131	
Pune	..—	..—	..—	....—	....—	....—
Visakhapatnam	.16	..35	.11	50	...100	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 225 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Madikeri, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 20

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Crack down on PFI activity, Kerala govt. tells officials

District Magistrates, Commissioners of Police and District Police Chiefs told to notify properties used by the outlawed organisation under Sections 7 and 8 of the UAPA, 1967 in their jurisdictions

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Signalling a major escalation against the banned Popular Front of India (PFI) and its affiliates, the Kerala government has ordered District Magistrates, Commissioners of Police and District Police Chiefs to clamp down on illegal associations and unlawful fund collection and notify properties used by the outlawed organisation under Sections 7 and 8 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 under their respective jurisdictions.

Abdul Sattar, general secretary of the now banned Popular Front of India, being produced in an NIA court in Kochi on Thursday. PTI

The order gives the police an almost-blanket authority to surveil and prosecute suspected PFI activity. The crackdown would extend to PFI's alleged affiliates.

The organisations under the law enforcement's scanner are Rehab India Foundation (RIF), Campus Front of India (CFI), All India Imams Council (AIIC), National Confederation of Human Rights Organisation (NCHRO, National Women's Front, Junior Front, Empower India Foundation and Rehab Foundation.

The police had earlier flagged alleged attempts by the CFI to radicalise a particular section of students in colleges across the State.

T.N. police deny nod for RSS march on October 2

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

The Tamil Nadu police have rejected permission for the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) to conduct a route march, followed by a public meeting, across the State on October 2. Referring to the incidents of violence that followed the National Investigation Agency (NIA) raids on the premises of Popular Front of India leaders/activists resulting in the arrest of 11 suspects, sources in the police headquarters said on Thursday that the situation was not conducive to permitting the march and the meeting.

Central and State intelligence agencies had issued alerts that following the ban on PFI and its associates/affiliates/fronts under the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, imposed by the Union government, there was a possibility that some anti-social elements could resort to protests and activities that might disrupt peace .The police also referred to the incidents of Molotov Cocktail attacks on the houses/offices of members belonging to the organisation, stone pelting on buses and agitations to condemn the NIA raids on PFI leaders.

'Release 3 CPI leaders of Lakshadweep'

Special Correspondent
KOCHI

Communist Part of India (CPI) leader Binoy Viswam, MP, has written to Union Home Minister Amit Shah to withdraw the cases registered against three CPI leaders of Lakshadweep and release them.

CPI Lakshadweep secretary C.T. Najmudheen and party Lakshadweep committee members K.K. Naseer and Sayed Ali Biraikkal were arrested during their scheduled meeting with the advisor to the Lakshadweep Administrator on September 26. The trio went to meet the official to discuss the closing down of Bitra Island and shifting of people to nearby Chetlat Island.

Festive bloom

Floral display: Women celebrating Bathukamma at Kukatpally in Hyderabad on Thursday. The flower festival represents the spirit of Telangana and will be celebrated for nine days during Dasara. NAGARA GOPAL

IIHR tops the list of 93 ICAR institutes in national ranking

B.S. Satish Kumar
BENGALURU

Bengaluru has got one more feather in its cap with the Hesaraghatta-based Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR) being ranked top among institutions run by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

The IIHR has topped the combined list of ranking for 2019-20 and 2020-21 that was released by the IIHR on Wednesday.

In all, 93 various institutes run by the ICAR in different parts of the country were considered for ranking.

The ranking is done on various parameters including the institute profile, performance, recognition and awards received by its faculty, research output and outcome, impact of research taken up by the institute, and vision and future readiness of the institute. While each of these parameters were allotted certain marks, the institutes were judged for a maximum of 100 marks.

IIHR conducts research on 54 major horticultural crops and has released 330 hybrids and other varieties in these crops ever since its inception in 1967.

The institute has also released 157 technologies that have played a major role in boosting horticultural productivity in the country. The estimated impact of eight of these selected hybrids/varieties and technologies to the national exchequer is around ₹13,000 crore annually.

At present there are three technology business incubators in operation at the institute to hand hold and promote horticultural entrepreneurship.

Institute Director Debi Sharma said the recognition for ICHR had increased the responsibility of the institute. IIHR was keen on pursuing its cutting edge research in new areas, she said.

Meanwhile, the National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources and the National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics, which too are ICAR institutes located in Bengaluru, have got the 23rd and the 50th rank respectively.

HC rejects plea for removal of Ramachandrapura Mutt seer

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Thursday rejected a PIL petition which had sought directions from the court to the State government to regulate the affairs of Sri Ramachandrapura Mutt, and remove Raghaveshwara Bharati Swami from the post of its seer.

A Division Bench comprising acting Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice S. Vishwajith Shetty passed the order while dismissing the petition filed in 2016 by Edurkala Ishwara Bhat and five others.

The petitioners, while seeking a direction to hold an inquiry into the financial affairs of the mutt, had

Court also rejects a plea seeking direction to Karnataka govt. to frame a scheme to regulate all mutts

also sought a direction to the government to frame a scheme to regulate all the mutts in the State.

"...we do not find any merit in the writ petition. However, liberty is reserved to the petitioners to take recourse to the remedy provided under Section 92 [to institute suit on breaches in trusted created for public purposes of a charitable or religious nature] of the Code of Civil Procedure," the Bench said while declining to entertain the petition under Article 226 of the Constitution. The Bench rejected the plea of the petitioners to direct the government to frame a scheme under the executive power of the government under Article 162 of the Constitution to regular all the mutts, which are excluded from the purview of the Karnataka Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowments Act, 1997.

Pointing out that mutts have protection under Article 26 (freedom to manage religious affairs) of the Constitution and the State legislature had intentionally left out the mutts from the purview of 1997 Act, the Bench said the petition was not maintainable.

Pharma manufacturers' body moves HC

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The High Court of Karnataka on Thursday ordered issue of notice to the Central government on a PIL petition filed by the Karnataka Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Association, Bengaluru, and a few individual dugs manufacturing companies, seeking a declaration from the court that free distribution of medicine samples to the medical practitioners does not amount to freebies under the Income Tax Act, 1961.

The petitioners also questioned the legality of a circular, issued on June 16, 2022, by the Ministry of Finance stating that companies will have to deduct tax at source (TDS) for the value of the free samples of

Ministry of Finance had said that drug manufacturers will have to deduct 10% tax for the value of free samples of medicines

medicines given to the medical practitioners under Section 194R of the I-T Act, which deals with deduction of 10% income tax at source on benefit or perquisite in respect of business or profession.

A Division Bench, comprising acting Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice S. Vishwajith Shetty, adjourned further hearing after ordering issue of notice to the Ministry of Finance.

The petitioners have contended that "the free sample of medicines given to the medical practitioners is only to prove the efficacy and to establish the trust of the doctors on the quality of the drugs. This again cannot be reckoned as freebies given to the doctors or for promotion of its products."

It has been claimed in the petition that pharmaceutical companies can promote its sale and brand only by arranging seminars, conferences and thereby creating awareness amongst doctors about the new research in the medical field and therapeutic areas, etc.

"The main object of such conferences and seminars is to update the doctors of the latest developments, which is beneficial to the doctors in treating the patients as well as the pharmaceutical companies, and in this background the value of free samples of medicines given to physicians by pharmaceutical companies, cannot be treated as freebies," the petitioners have claimed.

'Illegal'

Terming the circular as illegal and without any rationale, the petitioners have contended that authorities have grossly erred in grouping free samples of medicine given to medical practitioners with other freebies like TV, computers, gold coins, mobiles, free air tickets, cash or kind for deduction of 10% income tax at source on the value of such free samples of medicines provided to the doctors.

Six fishermen rescued

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MEDAK

The Medak district police rescued six fishermen who were stranded mid river in Manjeera in Papannapet mandal on Thursday. All of them are safe now.

According to the police, the fishermen – B. Siddaiah, Y. Nagaraju, Pochaiah, K. Krishna, K. Yadagiri and K. Siddaiah – went for fishing in Manjeera at Saraswathi temple in Yellapuron Wednesday. As Singur reservoir received, heavy inflow water was released down which inundated the low laying areas and flooded some parts.

Police responded to help sought by Sarpanch of Yellapur village and roped some swimmers for the rescue operation.

Sledgehammer style

The Home Ministry's decision to ban the PFI and its affiliates is a rushed one

There will be little reason for disquiet at the Popular Front of India being termed a radical Islamist organisation that propagates a politics of exclusivism and communalism even if it professes adherence to constitutional values and has, according to its claims, taken part in social and legal activities benefiting Muslims across India. That is because of actions by PFI cadre, in Kerala and coastal Karnataka in particular, resulting in religious and political violence, and vigilantism in the name of religious sentiments being hurt. While the PFI has grown as an organisation since its formation in 2006 – largely due to its assertive actions in the legal and social fronts that have coincided with the rise of Hindutva forces to political hegemony in India, its perceived political and electoral arm, the Social Democratic Party of India has received little support, with minority voters preferring to back secular parties or moderate communitarian forces. The PFI is the Islamic variant of communal politics and the mirror image of the majoritarian current gripping several parts of India. It goes without saying that its activists who have been charged with violence, vigilantism and unlawful acts must be subject to legal scrutiny and brought to justice. But the outright ban on the PFI and its affiliated organisations – barring the SDPI which claims to be independent of it – by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) raises the question whether a sledgehammer approach is the correct course.

The MHA notification, released on September 27, declared the PFI and its affiliates as an "unlawful association" that was "pursuing a secret agenda to radicalise a particular section of society towards undermining democracy", and the ban for five years followed a series of raids and arrests. This omnibus approach towards banning the PFI and effecting indiscriminate arrests instead of a clear case-to-case judicial process of bringing guilty activists and leaders to book, could only end up strengthening the sense of disquiet at the treatment of minorities in the country and could also further radicalisation among disaffected sections. Deradicalisation is not just a task left to law enforcement agencies; it should be the consequence of reorienting governance to live up to the secular values propounded by the Constitution – something that has taken a beating in recent years. Meanwhile, the organisation has responded to the ban by announcing that it stands disbanded following the notification. The ban must not be utilised as a means to target Muslims, specifically political dissidents and democratic activists who have engaged in legitimate protests against discriminatory pieces of legislation such as the Citizenship (Amendment) Act.

Evolving chair

Clarity is needed on the relationship of the CDS with the Service Chiefs

The Government on Wednesday announced the appointment of former Eastern Army Commander Lt. Gen. Anil Chauhan, 61, as the next Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), nine months after the untimely death of India's first CDS, Gen. Bipin Rawat in December 2021. He could be in office for almost four years. His appointment is until further orders, or when he turns 65. Lt. Gen. Chauhan will pick up the stalled process of transformation and reorganisation of the armed forces and bring in synergy that was envisaged along with the creation of the post. An ambitious component of the new vision is the proposed reorganisation of the armed forces into integrated theatre commands, which is yet to get the required consensus among military leaders. When the office of the CDS was created in 2019, its mandate was to ensure "jointness" of the three services in operations, logistics, transport, training, support services, communications, repairs and maintenance, within three years of the first CDS assuming office. That ambition was disrupted by the death of Gen. Rawat, and then the delay in the appointment of his successor. Lt. Gen. Chauhan has served a range of command, staff and instrumental appointments including that of Director General of Military Operations, and brings hope and experience.

The nine months and changes in eligibility criteria it took before the appointment could be made point to the fact the CDS is still an evolving institution. The arbitrary changes which expanded the pool of eligible candidates for appointment as CDS may have diminished the dignity of the evolving office. In 2019, the Ministry of Defence was reorganised and a new department of military affairs was carved out with the CDS as its secretary. That did not, however, ensure clarity in terms of functions and roles across the Defence Ministry. The CDS is also the Principal Military Adviser to the Defence Minister and Permanent Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee, which requires him to straddle administrative and operational functions. More clarity is needed regarding the functions of the CDS, particularly his relationship with the Service Chiefs in terms of operational roles and administrative duties. While the big focus is likely going to be the theatrisation process, the other tasks before him would be to bring in fiscal prudence and optimisation in utilisation of the defence budget especially given the tough economic outlook. The war in Ukraine has also underscored the need to accelerate the effort to build indigenous capacities in defence manufacturing and resilient logistical chains to be prepared for future wars effectively.

After the floods, Bengaluru needs to clean up its act

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The floods have abated in Bengaluru. As individuals struggle to clean their houses, the silt on the roads left behind by the receding water – now a fine dust that flies in the air choking us – is a reminder of those difficult times.

Various analyses now attribute Bengaluru's flooding to more rainfall – in the future, it is expected to increase to an average of 1,000 mm per annum from the current 650 mm per annum – and unplanned, overcrowded growth that is destroying the greenery, tanks and wetlands.

Clearly, we must decongest the city, plant more trees, save wetlands, even reclaim them, desilt drains, enlarge sewers, deconcretise pavements and stop the clogging of waterways with unsegregated garbage. The State government announced tough measures such as the demolition of unauthorised encroachments impeding drainage streams in the city, but quickly backed away. It now plans to divert drains to avoid already built-up areas. This is not a solution because nature will carry on inundating encroachments until people abandon them of their own volition.

The 'grease' of the system

Everybody has a favourite villain to blame – from the builder mafia to the migrant, from the lack of spatial planning to uncontrolled violations of building bye-laws. Yet, the herd of restive elephants in the room is led by a particularly malevolent matriarch: corruption.

Everybody decries corruption outwardly, but submits to it meekly. Fear apart, it is also a matter of convenience, of time saved and of benefits, often through the violation of rules. Some justify corruption as the grease that keeps the fast-growing economic engine of Bengaluru whirring smoothly. However, corruption cripples economic growth in ways not readily apparent. Apart from transferring inordinate wealth to the undeserving, it creates a slew of vested interests, who resist anti-corruption process reforms. Understanding how corrupt officials, politicians, regulators and private players act in concert is essential to successfully implementing corruption-reducing strategies. Further, we must understand that the corrupt often use the honest to further their subversive agendas. Examples abound.

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Most game theories concerning the dynamics of corruption reveal that the original sinner is often, paradoxically, a well-intentioned government. A good, but misguided government could make narrowly rigid rules, thus giving venal politicians and bureaucrats the leeway to bend them. For example, building bye-laws are so labyrinthine that the strictest law-abiding citizen cannot comply with them. That provides opportunities for agents who bypass the system's rigidities. Ironically then, corruption actually reduces red tape. Hence, not many complain about resorting to bribing to get work done through a parallel, 'efficient' system.

One could also have a good government that aims to reduce red tape, making overly lax rules capable of being interpreted differently. In this 'anything goes', system, frontline officials invent discretionary practices to create impediments and seek bribes. 'You show me your face, and I'll show you the rule,' is an old and cynical adage.

The loopholes

Next, our narrow, legal definition of corruption enables many in a corrupt system to escape culpability. Indian law recognises only corrupt acts by public servants to be 'acts of corruption' under the law. As private corruption is not criminalised, many government actions are outsourced to private agents, who collect 'handling fees' on behalf of their partners in crime within the government. Witness builders' agents, who collect bribes openly to have properties registered, even as the government IT enable such processes, aiming at efficiency and honesty.

E-Governance is often not the effective solution as claimed. E-enabled systems often only relocate the locus of corruption; they do not solve all of it. Large databases, such as land records, when moved to paperless systems are vulnerable to manipulation. Encroachments are enabled when old records are destroyed and new ones are created. Power shifts from land administrators to the one who possesses the digital signature. The data entry operator becomes an all-important and corruptible cog in the wheel.

How then do we tackle corruption? How do we destroy the entrenched resistance to true reforms, which harmonises citizen and collective interest in protecting the environment and promoting a healthy economy? Worldwide experience reveals no easy way out. The battle against networks of corrupt interests of politicians, bureaucrats, the private sector and regulators, has been a hard fought one. There are uneasy transitions and fake equilibriums in this battle of attrition; the corrupt do not cede ground easily.

Kick-start these strategies

Successful anti-corruption strategies rely on actions across three fronts.

First, regular assessments and evaluations of ongoing anti-corruption measures, eliminate the possibility of declaring false victories. They help in red-flagging new corruption opportunities, even as old ones are eliminated. A cycle of ongoing process reforms gets initiated.

Second, a genuine regime of whistle-blower protection assures honest citizens, politicians, bureaucrats and judges of protection, as they otherwise fear the adverse repercussions for uncovering illegal activities. Whistle-blowers today are exposed to danger. They draw attention to themselves and are vulnerable to attacks, ranging from character assassination, to counter accusations, to physical harm. Confidence-assuring whistle-blower protection measures can lead to exposure of more corruption, particularly at higher levels. Swift punishment of the guilty, could instil a sense of fear and reduce the feeling of impunity that the corrupt enjoy.

Third, there has to be a conscious move towards promoting ethical behaviour. Unfortunately, moral science education has been tainted by religious colours; but surely, are we not able to develop agnostic, religion-neutral ways of educating young people to be empathetic, kind, mindful of their larger responsibilities to the community, be honest, and intolerant of corruption?

All these strategies have been tried successfully in countries and cultures that have been able to reduce corruption substantially. This in turn has translated into better quality of services, and thus, a better quality of life. In turn, this nurtures creativity and bolsters the economy. Surely, Bengaluru deserves such a future.

However, there is one necessary ingredient remaining, going by the experience of cities and countries that have cleaned up their acts. If anti-corruption strategies are to be successful, the process needs enlightened leadership. No extent of process changes will succeed if the leadership – it need not be a single leader, but a network of high-ranking individuals cutting across the government and non-government sectors – is corrupt or insincere. In a democracy, waiting for such a leadership to emerge miraculously from so-called benevolent dictators is wishful thinking. The emergence of such a leadership depends upon us.

India lacks a complete paediatric cardio-care service

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It is overwhelming for parents to be told that their child may have heart defects. It is worse when the child does not get treated in time due to lack of paediatric cardiac care in the vicinity of his/her home.

Congenital Heart Disease (CHD), which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, U.S., acknowledges to be the most common congenital disorder, is responsible for 28% of all congenital birth defects, and accounts for 6%-10 % of all the infant deaths in India.

Paediatricians say timely medical intervention can save 75% of these children and give them normal lives. The lack of a national policy for the treatment of cardiovascular diseases in children keeps a huge number outside the ambit of treatment. It is estimated that over 1,00,000 children keep getting added to the existing pool of children awaiting surgery.

According to the Pediatric Cardiac Society of India (PCSI), the prevalence of congenital cardiac anomalies is one in every 100 live births; or an estimated 2,00,000 children are born with CHD every year. Only 15,000 of them receive treatment. At least 30% of infants who have complex defects require surgical intervention to survive their first birthday but only 2,500 operations can be performed each year. A case in point is the premier All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), where infants are waitlisted till 2026 for cardiac surgery.

A distressing perception, ground realities

A retired health bureaucrat says that there has been more neglect and little improvement in child health care because creating a comprehensive paediatric cardiology care service is usually considered economically unviable – it is resource intensive and requires infrastructure investment that politicians and policymakers choose to evade.

There are 22 hospitals and less than 50 centres in India with infant and neonatal cardiac services. Geographically, these centres are not well distributed either. A 2018 cardiology department report of AIIMS, highlighted how South India accounted for 70% of these centres; most centres are located in regions with a lower burden of CHD. For instance, Kerala has eight centres offering neonatal cardiac surgeries for an estimated 4.5 lakh annual childbirths. Populous Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, with an estimated annual childbirth of 48 and 27 lakh births per annum, respectively (Census of India, 2012), do not have a centre capable of performing neonatal cardiac surgery.

> A dearth of specialists and infrastructure in India, in the government and private sectors, is hampering the future of children with congenital heart disease

It taxes the vulnerable and the marginalised

For 600 districts with a 1.4 billion population, there are only 250 paediatric cardiologists available. The doctor to patient ratio is an abysmal one for half-a-crore population. According to the *Annals of Pediatric Cardiology* journal, the United States had 2,966 paediatric cardiologists in 2019 – a ratio of one per 29,196 population. Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Punjab, Odisha (besides U.P. and Bihar) have a higher CHD burden but do not have paediatric cardiologists in the government sector. There are four paediatric cardiologists for 38 Delhi government hospitals. Now, Jaipur (Rajasthan), Raipur (Chhattisgarh), Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu), Madurai (Tamil Nadu), Bhubaneshwar (Odisha), Palwal (Haryana), Indore (Madhya Pradesh), are on the map of paediatric cardiac care, but largely in the private sector.

Apart from the low number of paediatric cardiologists and cardiac surgeons, and critical care centres, poverty is another barrier before treatment. Transporting sick neonates from States with little or no cardiac care facilities to faraway centres for accurate diagnosis and treatment burdens parents financially.

It is not just unaffordability but also inaccessibility that constraints paediatric services. In addition, there is the non-availability of crucial equipment that is essential for diagnosis of heart diseases in the unborn. Accentuating the problem is the general lack of awareness about early symptoms of CHD among parents.

Antenatal checks are crucial

The Child Heart Foundation, a non-governmental organisation working in Siliguri (West Bengal), Jalandhar (Punjab) and Delhi, with underprivileged children with CHD, has been flagging the need for fetal echocardiography.

Paediatricians say antenatal detection of congenital anomalies is crucial for neonatal care and management. But certain congenital defects such as accurate heart health assessment are not visible in a normal ultrasonography of an unborn baby. Fetal echocardiography done in a pregnant woman of 18 to 24 weeks allows better visualisation of the structure and function of the heart. There are programmes worth emulating such as Kerala's 'Hridayam (for little hearts)', aimed at early detection, management and support to children with CHD or the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme offering free specialised surgeries.

The National Health Protection Scheme (Ayushman Bharat), is expected to financially assist 10 crore poor families but has still to take off. So far, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh have apparently got going.

A 2018 article by the Department of Cardiothoracic Cardiology, AIIMS, states, "paediatric cardiology is not a priority area in the face of competing demands for the resources".

Nothing seems to have changed, and as another World Heart Day (September 29) has passed by, we need to act fast to help India's many children in need.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ban On PFI

Although none can claim the PFI and its affiliates have a lily-white reputation and their political interventions are above board and altruistic, it seems the outright ban might be counterproductive. The measure is akin to diagnosing a malaise incorrectly and applying the wrong remedy.

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The ban on the PFI and its associates is a correct move after information about its activities that are detrimental to harmony and security. But we also expect similar bans on other organisations propagating hatred, violence and untruths. There needs to be a probe into the affairs of outfits mushrooming across the country in the name of majoritarianism and spreading hatred.

K. Nehru Patnaik,
Visakhapatnam

Violence, bloodshed and religious fundamentalism are totally unacceptable and antithetical to the ethos of a civilised and democratic nation as ours.

The need of the hour requires all right-thinking citizens, especially the Muslim clergy and liberals, to stand up and condemn and denounce the PFI-type cult of violence and its skewed vision.

B. Suresh Kumar,
Coimbatore

Elusive unity

It is ironic that an Opposition that is far from being a united house is talking about becoming a joint front and force without any road map on how to accomplish this. At the same time, regional parties have posed a successful challenge to the party in power at the Centre. One cannot ignore the role of regional parties as they have upheld the federal nature of the Constitution. Finally, the Congress needs to reshape itself drastically if it wants to be a Opposition force.

H.N. Ramakrishna,
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Opposition unity is a distant dream as none of the leaders is willing to give up his or her one-upmanship. It could be a cakewalk for the ruling party in 2024, unless something miraculous happens by then.

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How much should India prop up the rupee?

PARLEY

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Last week, the rupee weakened against the dollar past the 81-mark to a record low. In recent months, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been intervening in the forex market to smoothen the decline. With the RBI dipping into its kitty for this purpose, Indian foreign exchange reserves have fallen by about $94 billion in 12 months to about $545 billion until mid-September. How much more forex can the RBI afford to use in reducing currency volatility? Does the benchmark interest rate, as a policy tool, have a role to play? Dharmakirti Joshi and Lekha Chakraborty discuss these questions in a conversation moderated by **K. Bharat Kumar**. *Edited excerpts:*

What is your view on the RBI's actions to stem the rupee's decline? How much of its forex reserves should it use for this?

Dharmakirti Joshi: The use of forex reserves is appropriate at this juncture. You build your reserves during good times and spend them during bad times. Right now, reserves are being spent in trying to curb currency volatility. You can't defend the rupee at a particular level, because that would be swimming against the tide, which is not possible in this environment. But you can make it less volatile. Having said that, there is also a limit to how much you can lean on the reserves. They can burn out pretty quickly if you are aggressive in your interventions. So, you need a multi-pronged approach, which involves several measures, which the RBI has already taken to increase the supply of U.S. dollars in the Indian market, such as easing provisions for remittances, allowing short-term foreign portfolio investments in government securities, etc. We can even think of a scheme similar to the one introduced in 2014 to attract NRI investments.

You also need to let the rupee depreciate in an orderly manner. Some, but not too much, depreciation will partly help the export sector, as global demand is the key influencer of exports, and currencies of our competitors are also weakening. So, the vulnerability that stems from high current account deficit (CAD) can get addressed to some extent.

The interest rate channel also needs to be used. In Friday's monetary policy announcement, we believe the RBI will go in for a 50 basis point hike. Part of it will be to address domestic concerns and part of it will also help mute the impact of the U.S. Federal Reserve's rate hikes.

Lekha Chakraborty: There is a limit to the RBI continuously managing volatility because exchange rate management is not its mandate, but price stability through inflation containment is. The root cause of this rupee volatility is the Federal Reserve's decision to raise rates. They are in an aggressive, hawkish mode, which is spurring foreign portfolio investors to move out of emerging markets. So, bridging the interest rate differential is the policy tool we should be using, because volatility management can also give a panic signal to the market. In the [current] Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meetings, if we can front load that for macroeconomic stability, and for stability in the currency markets, that could be effective. I can understand that geopolitical uncertainties, the war in Ukraine, energy price volatility, all contribute to this situation, but predominantly, it is the Western world going hawkish, with U.S. Federal Reserve Chair Jay Powell at the Jackson Hole meetings talking about "keeping at it... until the job is done", referring to a series of interest rate hikes... given all that, the predominant narrative for us should be interest rate defence, rather than continuous currency market management by intervening to control the volatility. Let the rupee depreciate.

Containing volatality: The Reserve Bank of India building at Connaught Place, New Delhi. GETTY IMAGES

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For an economy like India's, what is the level of forex reserves in terms of number of months of import cover? Is this measure adequate?

DJ: The import cover is one way to measure reserves adequacy, but it's a very narrow one. There are other measures such as the Guidotti-Greenspan rule that looks at external debt that is less than one year, i.e., short-term debt. Forex reserves should be sufficient to service those. From that point of view, we still have adequate reserves.

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Is the real effective exchange rate (REER) that measures trade competitiveness with other nations using a basket of currencies a good guidepost for the RBI in forex management?

LC: It may not be a good approach. I would stick to the interest rate defence. On Friday, if the MPC moves back to 'neutral' from an 'accommodative' stance, and front loads the rate hike, that could be an effective way to target macroeconomic stability. During the taper tantrum in 2013, what helped us was addressing the macroeconomic fundamentals. Mounting inflation is also feeding into import costs. And that is widening the CAD. But even earlier, we have lived with CAD of 4% of GDP; what is important is how you finance this deficit. If we can finance the CAD with capital inflows, and prevent hot money outflow with the aid of interest rates, that could be an effective long-term solution.

As a policy tool, is the interest rate lever adequate?

DJ: I would broadly agree that the interest rate instrument has to be used; what it means is that interest rates are being raised not only to control inflation, but also to address external imbalances. But let's also look at past episodes of sharp depreciation of the currency which we have seen during the global financial crisis, during the taper tantrum. They tell us that that the currency weakens very sharply during these episodes of global shocks, but it also corrects. If you plot it over a 15-20-year period, you will see that the overshooting of the currency typically gets corrected after the event is over. So, the aim now should only be to ensure that volatility is not too high, not to steer the currency in any direction.

If the CAD hits 4%, as is being projected by some agencies, what are the consequences for the economy?

LC: We must look at the CAD and the capital account holistically. The focus should be on how we can stem capital that is flighty. Even during the tenure of Raghuram Rajan [as RBI Governor], the CAD went up to 4%. But the moment hot money became flighty, panic set in. Till then, we were comfortably financing the CAD with capital flows. Again, if you can manoeuvre the interest rate effectively, that can stem the outflow. But in using this tool, we have to focus on the real interest rate and economic growth, i.e., R and G, for public debt management. If the R is going to be greater than G, then we are in an unsustainable situation. The only way to address these concerns such as fiscal consolidation, twin deficit crisis, given that the real rate of interest is negative, given the hawkish mode of the Fed, is to raise rates.

A falling rupee was supposed to have exacerbated our external debt situation. Is that less of a concern now?

DJ: As per an RBI report, the stock of unhedged exposure of Indian corporates is about 44%, which means that 44% of the outstanding debt has not been hedged and is vulnerable to forex volatility. Weakening of the rupee, if sustained, will create stress in pockets. But the rupee hasn't seen the kind of weakness that it saw during the taper tantrum; it was a massive depreciation over a very short period. Now, it is extremely orderly; it is even more orderly than in 2017-18, when the Fed was raising rates, trying to normalise policy. The pace of rupee depreciation has not been very severe this time to cause concern. But in this volatile global environment with a very aggressive Fed, we need to keep our fingers crossed.

Can you put a figure to how much more the rupee can decline?

LC: I will not take a guess on how far we can allow the rupee to depreciate because it's all ad hoc configuration of the demand and supply... our exchange rate is market-determined. So, let the market forces play out. I only want to clarify my point that the RBI needs to intervene only if the rupee is on a sustained free fall. I will be comfortable if forex reserves in terms of the import cover are close to 15 months. So, that's the way we learned last year around September, the import cover was close to 15 months, when forex [reserves] were at their all-time high. This can be a guiding measure, not a threshold or anything. RBI's liquidity guidance is yet another.

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NOTEBOOK

The case for serial listening

Podcast, perceived as an "intelligent" medium, is a fertile ground for storytelling, especially in journalism

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On September 20, 41-year-old Adnan Syed walked out of a Baltimore court after his conviction in the murder of one Hae Lee Min was overturned. Hae Lee Min's body was found in 1999. Mr. Syed had been in jail for 23 years.

As a case of possibly wrongful decades-long incarceration, this was nothing new for the U.S. However, this was the 'Watergate' moment for a medium that has been coming into its own over the last 20 years.

Mr. Syed's case formed the core of Serial, a podcast hosted by journalist Sarah Koenig that, in an arc of 12 episodes between 2014 and 2016, picked holes in the prosecution case against Mr. Syed. Serial's episodes have been downloaded over 340 million times, and it sparked the wave of 'true crime' podcasts in the U.S. that really pushed the medium into the mainstream. Over one-third of Americans listen to podcasts regularly now, with growth across all age groups. By some estimates India now has over 95 million active monthly podcast users, only behind the U.S. and China.

Podcasts have also been growing as a business, as evidenced by the fact that international podcasting star Joe Rogan brought his Joe Rogan Experience over to the Spotify stable in a deal that is said to be worth over $200 million. Advertising on podcasts, which was at $105 million in the U.S. in 2015, stood at $1.4 billion in 2021.

The rise of podcasts is not surprising. The growth rates of on-demand media in the form of streaming platforms have been outpacing by-appointment media such as linear television and radio for some time now. It is also not surprising that as phone screen sizes and bandwidths expanded, on-the-go media consumption moved from text to images and audio. After all, it has been only about 400 years since text entered mass circulation, while humans evolved to learn from visual and auditory cues.

Podcast also currently enjoys the benefit of being perceived as an "intelligent" medium; one so far unsullied by the shenanigans of social media or the cacophony of TV. This may be partly due to the notion that the ability to hold forth on a subject for a good length of time requires knowledge or experience. Of course, this notion can be deceiving, as has been proven on the Internet.

This medium also subverts the dominant Web 2.0 consensus that shorter is sweeter. Hence, while seconds-long TikToks, Reels and Shorts rule the roost on social media platforms, on podcast platforms it is not odd to find listeners willing to closet themselves with speakers for two or three hours – most podcasts are between 25 and 60 minutes long. Given the human brain's ability to dedicate processing power elsewhere while performing mundane tasks, it is easy to cook or clean while binge listening to ancient history or modern crime playing in the background.

These make podcasts a fertile ground for storytelling, especially in journalism. The medium's rapid ascent also makes it a necessary one to tell your story. However, the current aesthetic of the podcast is minimalist, which puts the conversation starkly at the centre of a mostly naked stage. The bells and whistles of radio shows developed in large broadcasting stations are mostly frowned upon here. The music is ideally fleeting and functional. Without the visual and audio aids, some journalists may flounder; some may also soar. It is not surprising then that sharp interviewers like Kara Swisher, the doyen of Silicon Valley journalism, have shifted to podcasts as a primary medium. You may not see Mark Zuckerberg sweat under her questioning, but you can definitely feel the heat.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Ambassadors of the IAF dazzle the Guwahati skies with daredevil stunts to celebrate 75 years of Independence

The Surya Kiran aerobatics demonstration team of the Indian Air Force performs a drill during an air show in Guwahati on September 27, 2022. The air show was organised by the Eastern Air Command in association with the Government of Assam to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of independence. RITU RAJ KONWAR

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 30, 1972

Marcos asks half a million civil servants to resign

Manila, Sept. 29: President Ferdinand Marcos ordered to-day the compulsory resignation of all civil servants – estimated at 500,000 – to enable the Philippine Government to get rid of corrupt, inefficient, ignorant and non-essential workers. To signal the start of the revamp of the Government's civil service under his Martial Law proclamation, Mr. Marcos announced he had dismissed or accepted the resignations of more than 450 officials including several judges and a number of internal revenue and customs officers. The President said that under the new service rules he was enforcing all Government workers throughout the country must submit their resignations by October 15 to allow their immediate superiors to retire them on a selective basis. In other developments on the seventh day of Martial Law, Mr. Marcos directed the Motion Picture Censor Board to ban all films depicting crime, sex, violence and revolutionary themes from Fillipino screens. The seven-point directive also instructed the Board to bar "films which tend to undermine the faith and confidence of the people in their Government and/or duly constituted authorities." The Government last night ordered the indefinite closure of all high schools, colleges and universities to enable military authorities to purge them of suspected communist subversives.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO SEPT. 30, 1922

Anglo-Indian fears

Simla, Sept. 29: On the question of Indianisation of Services, the President of the Anglo-Indian and Domiciled European Association has addressed a letter to the Secretary, Government of India, Home Department asking for "a pledge in plain and unequivocal terms to the effect that there is not only no intention whatever on the part of Government to exclude members of my community from a fair share of appointments in the public service to which by reason of birth, tradition and loyalty to the State they are justly entitled, but that Anglo-Indians and Domiciled Europeans may with confidence look to Government shortly to resist the attempts which were being made in certain quarters to encourage their increased employment in Departments of State.

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Single women get equal abortion rights

The single woman may have been abandoned or without a job or been a victim of violence during her pregnancy. Her life could be in danger due to foetal abnormalities. She may have been a victim of sexual exploitation leading to the pregnancy. There would be cases in which she could have got pregnant due to contraceptive failure, leaving her in a state of mental anguish.

"The law should not decide the beneficiaries of a statute based on narrow patriarchal principles about what constitutes permissible sex. This would create invidious classifications," Justice Chandrachud said in the judgment. The court said eight women die every day in India due to unsafe abortions. 67% of the abortions carried out between 2007 and 2011 were classified unsafe. Illegal abortion is a "continuing crisis", especially among unmarried women. The MTP (Amendment) Act in 2021 included the term 'partner' to show that the law was not just concerned about women within marriage. The court said the artificial distinction between married and unmarried women was not constitutionally sustainable. The state would be stripping single women of their autonomy over their bodies and lives by forcing them to carry unwanted pregnancy to full term. Reproductive autonomy included the right to choose whether or not to have an abortion. A woman does not need the permission of a third party to abort.

'Sexual assault of wife can take form of rape'

The court also dealt with how married women, like single women, were exposed to sexual assault within the family and suffer forced pregnancies.

"A woman may become pregnant as a result of non-consensual sexual intercourse performed upon her by her husband. We would be remiss in not recognising that intimate partner violence is a reality and can take the form of rape. The misconception that strangers are exclusively or almost exclusively responsible for sex and gender-based violence is a deeply regrettable one. Sex and gender based violence within the context of the family has long formed a part of the lived experiences of scores of women," a Bench led by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud held.

"It is not inconceivable that married women become pregnant as a result of their husbands having 'raped' them. The institution of marriage does not influence the answer to the question of whether a woman has consented to sexual relations," Justice Chandrachud observed.

Marital rape is not recognised as an offence under the IPC. Exception 2 to Section 375 of the IPC removes marital rape from the ambit of rape. Another Bench of the court is currently hearing appeals to remove the Exception.

Justice Chandrachud said Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act recognises a husband's act of sexual assault or forced intercourse committed on his wife as 'rape'. It said the Exception to Section 375 (rape) was only a "legal fiction". However, the court stopped short there, saying understanding 'rape' under the MTP Act would not have the effect of striking down Exception 2 to Section 375 .

Gehlot out of race, Digvijaya Singh in fray

Mr. Venugopal issued an advisory to Rajasthan lawmakers not to raise internal matters in any public forum. Shashi Tharoor is the other contender who has picked up a form. With a Friday deadline of 3 p.m. for nominations to close, Mr. Tharoor and Mr. Singh announced that they would file their papers by the afternoon. Sources, however, told *The Hindu* that a surprise third candidate, who has the Gandhi family's endorsement, could not be ruled out as party treasurer Pawan Bansal had already collected two nomination forms on Tuesday. Mukul Wasnik, a member of the G-23 that pushed for internal reforms, has emerged as a serious contender. Kumari Selja and Mallikarjun Kharge are also said to be in contention.

"I have apologised to Sonia *ji* because a simple resolution, which is our tradition and which we always pass, could not be passed. Whatever be the reasons, as a CLP leader, I could not get the resolution passed and it is my moral responsibility...Under these circumstances, I have decided not to contest the [presidential] polls," he had said.

Russia set to annex four Ukraine regions today

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

At a grand ceremony in Moscow on Friday, Russia will formally annex four regions of Ukraine – Kherson, Zaporizhzhia, Donetsk, and Lugansk – that its troops seized, the Kremlin has announced, after it suggested using nuclear weapons to defend the territories. The threats from Russian officials have not deterred a sweeping counter-offensive from Kyiv, which has been pushing back Russian troops in the east. Ukraine troops are edging nearer the Donetsk region city of Lyman that Moscow's forces battered for weeks to fully capture.

President Vladimir Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov said the annexation would be formalised at a ceremony in the Kremlin on September 30.

Bihar CM promises to take action on IAS officer

As Kumar said that he is monitoring the situation, Bamhrah expressed regret for hurting the sentiment of girl student. Meanwhile, the NCW has asked the officer to respond within seven days

Amarnath Tewary
PATNA

Nitish Kumar

Harjot Kaur Bamhrah

A day after senior IAS officer Harjot Kaur Bamhrah courted controversy with her remarks against a girl student of a government school in Bihar, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Thursday said that he is 'monitoring the situation' and action would be taken if anyone found guilty.

After an official engagement at an investors' meet, Mr. Kumar told presspersons, "We are helping women for empowerment in the State. I came to know about it when I was coming here as some Delhi-based newspapers too have carried this. I'm monitoring each and everything and if anyone will be found guilty, action would be taken."

Meanwhile, Ms. Bamhrah has expressed regret over the incident. In a letter to presspersons, she said, "I express regret if some girl or participant's sentiment was hurt with some of my words but, the intent was not to humiliate someone or hurt someone's sentiment but to encourage them for progress in future."

The National Commission for Women (NCW) has also taken the cognisance of Ms. Bamhrah's remarks. The NCW has asked the officer to reply within seven days.

Ms. Bamhrah was seen rebuking the student in a video of the programme that went viral on social media platforms on Wednesday.

"When the government is providing us school uniform, scholarship and so many things, why can't it provide Whisper [a brand of sanitary pads] ₹20-30," the student had asked Ms. Bamhrah at a "*Sashakt Beti, Samridh Bihar* (empowered daughters, prosperous Bihar): Towards enhancing the value of girls" workshop. The official is seen responding, "There is need to change the mindset. Why [should] the government provide you everything free? Tomorrow, you'll say government can provide jeans and why not some beautiful shoes thereafter? And eventually, at the time of family planning, you will expect government to provide *Nirodh* [a brand of condoms] too."

Ms. Bamhrah, an IAS officer of the 1992 batch, is Principal Secretary in the Women and Child Welfare Department, and heads the State Women and Child Development Corporation.

The programme was organised by the State Women and Child Development Corporation, UNICEF and other international organisations in Patna on Tuesday.

When presspersons had sought her reaction to the video, Ms. Bamhrah had said, "It's all false, malicious and wrong reporting of an event. I'm known as one of the most vociferous champions of women's rights and empowerment. Some mischievous elements might have resorted to such low attempts to malign my reputation."

Petition on process to activate 'living will' to be heard on Nov. 23

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

> One committee can be formed to take a decision
> **JUSTICE AJAY RASTOGI**

The Constitution Bench on Thursday asked if a lone committee of doctors, judicial officers and government officers along with the next of kin of a terminally ill person can sit together and decide the "genuineness and authenticity" of his living will.

The Bench led by Justice K.M. Joseph is considering a plea to modify a March 2018 judgment which had upheld passive euthanasia and 'living will', but gave the job of ascertaining the genuineness of the document to multiple committees of doctors, magistrates and the District Collector, virtually making the judgment itself redundant and unworkable.

"One committee can be formed to take a decision. Suppose the patient is not able to take a decision at the time, his or her next of kin can do so. The government can keep a check too," Justice Ajay Rastogi said. Justice Aniruddha Bose said care should be taken to avoid any "forced departures" of persons. The court agreed to hear the case on November 23.

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, for the Centre, was sceptical about trusting the next of kin of a dying person with the latter's life.

He said there were cases in which relatives refuse to put a patient on ventilator but the person survives after having been done so.

Senior advocate Arvind Datar, for the petitioner, said the 2018 judgment has laid down a cumbersome procedure to check the veracity of a Living Will.

The court had placed a huge onus on the treating hospital and physicians to take the initiative to form a committee and activate the Living Will or advanced directive.

Centre gives approval to 22nd tranche of poll bonds

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Ahead of Assembly elections in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh, the government on Thursday approved issuance of the 22nd tranche of electoral bonds that will open for sale on October 1.

Electoral bonds have been pitched as an alternative to cash donations made to political parties as part of efforts to bring transparency in political funding. State Bank of India (SBI) has been authorised to issue and encash electoral bonds through its 29 authorised branches from October 1-10, the Finance Ministry said.

The authorised SBI branches include those in Lucknow, Shimla, Dehradun, Kolkata, Guwahati, Chennai, Patna, New Delhi, Chandigarh, Srinagar, Gandhinagar, Bhopal, Raipur, and Mumbai.

The 21st tranche of sales took place from July 1-10.

Ahead of Shah's visit, twin blasts on buses leave 2 injured in Udhampur

The Hindu Bureau
JAMMU

Two civilians were injured in coordinated detonation of two improvised explosive devices (IEDs), planted on two parked buses, within eight hours on Thursday in Udhampur district, just four days ahead of Union Home minister Amit Shah's three-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir.

The first blast took place inside an empty bus parked outside a petrol pump at Domail area around 10.30 p.m. on Wednesday. Two civilians, who were sleeping on a nearby bus, were injured due to the impact of the explosion, which shattered the windowpanes of several parked vehicles. Officials said both the injured were hospitalised and "out of danger".

Another blast took place in an empty bus parked inside the Udhampur bus stand around 6 a.m. on Thursday, around 4 km away from the first blast site, officials said.

Terrorist attack: The Army's bomb disposal squad members inspecting the bus on Thursday. PTI

"The buses have originated from the same location. On examination, it was found that the nature of explosions is same. These were high-intensity blasts. Use of sticky bombs and timers cannot be ruled out," Mukesh Singh, Additional Director-General of Police (ADGP) said.

The Army's bomb disposal squad and the police joined hands to investigate the nature of blasts. Officials said these blasts could have inflicted major damage if detonated during the day. "We are investigating different aspects of the blasts. It seems the handiwork of modules busted in the recent past. When these IEDs were planted is being investigated. We are working on old leads. We are hopeful to find some clues soon," ADGP Singh said.

The police searched all the buses, which started from the Udhampur bus stand, for explosives. Special checkpoints were set up on different routes.

Circle Officer missing after boat capsized in Dhubri

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

A Circle Officer was reported missing after a mechanised boat with 28 people on board sank in a channel of the Brahmaputra in western Assam's Dhubri district on Thursday morning. Officials in the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) said the accident happened when the boat hit a submerged pillar under construction for the Dhubri-Phulbari bridge, to be India's longest.

Dhubri Circle Officer Sanju Das was returning with a revenue official and an ASDMA field officer after inspecting an erosion-affected area. The other passengers were locals, including women and schoolchildren.

"We shall be arresting more people from the firm and the owner of the boat," Anbamuthan M.P., Dhubri Deputy Commissioner, told *The Hindu*.

'More foreign terrorists in J&K after Afghan situation'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Kuldiep Singh

There has been an increase in number of foreign terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir after Afghanistan situation, Kuldiep Singh, Director-General of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), said on Thursday. The Taliban took over the reins of Afghanistan in August 2021.

Mr. Singh said the challenges for security agencies have increased "after the Afghanistan" episode, but the overall number of terrorists in J&K, which includes local and foreign terrorists, was under 200.

The outgoing D-G, who is set to hang up his boots on September 30, said the CRPF, which has the largest component in J&K, has its own intelligence wing to monitor the terror-related activities. After August 5, 2019, when Article 370 that gave special status to J&K was read down by Parliament, the number of stone throwing incidents had reduced, he said.

He, however, mentioned that there was an imminent threat of delivery of explosives by drones from Pakistan.

"We are moving towards peace; however, some incidents do take place like the killing of Bihari migrant workers but overall, there has been a reduction in number of incidents in J&K," Mr. Singh said.

In the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) corridor, Chattisgarh remains the formidable challenge, he pointed out. "We have moved a proposal to set up a 30-bed hospital in Jagdalpur in Chattisgarh, the approval from Ministry should come soon," Mr. Singh said.

Jagdalpur is around 300 km from Raipur. The hospital will be beneficial for CRPF jawans injured in encounters with Maoists or in Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blasts.

Mr. Singh shared that the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has constituted a committee to examine the causes of stress among Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) personnel. The CRPF has also taken several measures such as yoga, sessions with Bramhmakumaris and Art of Living classes to curb stress among the personnel, he added.

Kappan's bail plea hearing deferred till October 10

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

A Lucknow court on Thursday postponed the hearing in the bail application of Kerala-based journalist Siddique Kappan, in the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) case lodged by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), till October 10. The District and Sessions Court of Additional District Judge 1, which was supposed to hear the bail plea moved by Mr. Kappan, was not available and hence the matter was postponed.

Talking to *The Hindu*, Mohamad Dhanish K.S., Mr. Kappan's lawyer in Lucknow, said, "...We requested for the earliest date, but due to holidays the court postponed it to October 10 in the regular district session court."

Govt. blocks 67 porn sites after court order

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The government has ordered Internet service providers to block access to 67 pornographic websites following court orders and for violation of the Information Technology (IT) Rules, 2021. The Department of Telecom has asked Internet service providers to block 63 websites based on a Pune court's order, and four based on the Uttarakhand High Court order. It has cited rule 3(2)(b) of the Rules, which empower any individual to seek take-down of content on an intermediary that is "in the nature of any material which exposes the private area of such individual".

The order directed to "block the access to these Websites/Urls" and that "the compliance be submitted immediately".

APPEAL

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Decriminalising adultery: Centre seeks clarification

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Govt. approaches SC after Armed Forces Tribunal dismissed cases of misconduct against officers

Adultery is a cause of deep pain in the family. Families are torn asunder by adultery, Justice K.M. Joseph said while heading a Constitution Bench on Wednesday.

"Everybody is ultimately dependent on the family as a unit. The integrity of the family is based on the faithfulness each spouse expects of the other," Justice Joseph observed.

A five-judge Bench, headed by Justice K.M. Joseph, is hearing an application filed by the government seeking a clarification as to whether the 2018 judgment of the Supreme Court decriminalising adultery in the Indian Penal Code (IPC) would affect action taken under Armed Forces laws against officers who indulge in adultery with their colleagues' wives.

The Centre approached the Supreme Court after the Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT) started dismissing cases of misconduct against officers after the Joseph Shine judgment in 2018.

Additional Solicitor General Madhavi Divan said unlike the IPC offence of adultery under Section 497, which is based on patriarchal notions, the Armed Forces take action for misconduct even against women officers. "The Armed Forces law is completely gender-neutral," Ms. Divan said.

The Bench asked the government whether it would want to withdraw the application and challenge a particular case rejected by the AFT.

The court listed the case on December 6.

SC ruling on abortion comes as a 'ray of hope': activists

The judgment is hailed as progressive as it entitles all women a right to safe and legal abortion along with an emphasis on their right to bodily autonomy without authorisation from third party

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

The historic judgment of the Supreme Court Bench led by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud that unmarried women in a consensual relationship are also entitled to safe and legal abortion along with its strong emphasis on women's right to bodily autonomy without the need for authorisation from a third-party to access abortion was welcomed as "progressive" and a "ray of hope" at a time sexual and reproductive rights have come under threat globally.

"This ruling interprets the provisions of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971 in a progressive manner and questions the unreasonable classification made by this law. This interpretation is the law of the land and will ensure that single women seeking abortion beyond 20 weeks cannot be refused on the ground of the narrowness of the law," said Anubha Rastogi, independent lawyer and CAG member, Pratigya Campaign.

The judgment followed a petition seeking inclusion of unmarried women within the ambit of Rule 3 B of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Rules, 2003 amended in October 2021 for abortion between 20-24 weeks of gestation period.

Activists and advocates often rue that abortion right is not an absolute one in India, but conditional, and women have no agency as they have to seek the permission of a medical practitioner. The top court on Thursday recognised this gap, calling it a "provider-centric" law, and asserted that reproductive autonomy "requires that every pregnant woman has the intrinsic right to choose to undergo or not to undergo abortion without any consent or authorisation from a third party".

"At a time when sexual and reproductive health and rights are under threat globally, this progressive judgment stands out as a ray of hope," V.S. Chandrashekar, Campaign Advisory Group Member, Pratigya Campaign.

"We hope that this judgment could be a step towards making our abortion regime more liberal and pro-women. The law must recognise abortion as a woman's choice, as is the practice in over 70 countries," Poonam Muttreja, the Executive Director of Population Foundation of India, said. "We need to ensure our laws don't reflect any moral judgment on women who choose to abort."

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PM kicks off two-day State visit to Gujarat in pre-poll outreach

Mahesh Langa
AHMEDABAD

With the Gujarat Assembly polls on his mind, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday held roadshows in Surat and Bhavnagar, launched new projects and development works, and reiterated his government's commitment to serving the people of the country.

Slamming past governments for neglect and listing the works of his governments in Gujarat as well as at the national level since 2014, the Prime Minister in his address in Surat and Bhavnagar reminded the people of the State of the benefits of "double engine" governments.

After arriving in Surat on Thursday, Mr. Modi led a 2.5-km roadshow before addressing a huge gathering of people in the city, calling it a "mini India" since it attracts large number of migrants from across the country.

He talked about the rapid development of the city, which is a hub of diamond cutting and polishing, and textiles, and launched projects worth ₹3,400 crore, including the inauguration of the main entrance gate and phase-1 works of the DREAM City, an ambitious project coming up on 700 hectares of land near Khajod village on the outer ring road of the sprawling city.

Narendra Modi arrives in Surat to hold a roadshow.

He mentioned the "attitude" of past governments at the Centre in denying a metro rail project and an international airport for the city, and added how his government at the Centre approved both and as a result, Surat is now connected globally.

After Surat, Mr. Modi flew to Bhavnagar in Saurashtra to launch new projects worth ₹6,000 crore, including a new port and a CNG terminal.

Taking a veiled dig at the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), which is gaining traction in his home State, Mr. Modi said that, for the BJP, power was meant to serve poor people, and the BJP government carried out development without spending huge money on publicity.

Doctors need not report identity of minors seeking abortion, says SC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The court said it was necessary to harmonise the provisions of the MTP and POCSO laws

Registered medical doctors are exempt from disclosing to the police the identity of minors who have come in for abortion, the Supreme Court directed in a judgment on Wednesday.

A registered medical practitioner (RMP) is obliged under Section 19(1) of the POCSO Act to report to the police when a minor approaches him or her for an abortion. A Bench led by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud said in many cases minors and their guardians opt to go to an unqualified doctor for abortion rather than risk being involved in criminal proceedings following a report under Section 19(1) of the POCSO Act. "If there is an insistence on the disclosure of the name of the minor in the report under Section 19(1) of POCSO, minors may be less likely to seek out RMPs for safe termination of their pregnancies under the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act," Justice Chandrachud said.

Reporting of offence

The court said it was necessary to harmonise the provisions of the MTP and POCSO laws to enable minors to approach an RMP for abortion without the fear of getting exposed. It would also protect the statutory obligation of the RMP to report the offence under the POCSO Act and the rights of privacy and reproductive autonomy of the minor under Article 21 of the Constitution.

"For the limited purposes of providing medical termination of pregnancy in terms of the MTP Act, we clarify that the RMP, only on request of the minor and the guardian of the minor, need not disclose the identity and other personal details of the minor in the information provided under Section 19(1) of the POCSO Act," the court ordered.

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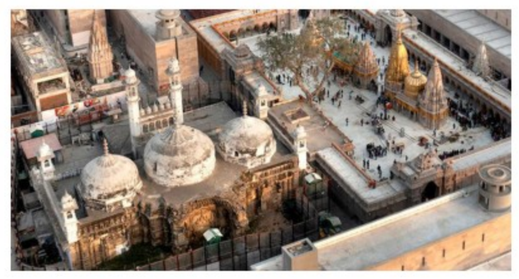

Gyanvapi case: Court reserves order on carbon-dating plea

In the ongoing Gyanvapi mosque-Kashi Vishwanath Temple dispute, the Varanasi district court on Thursday reserved its orders on an application filed by Hindu plaintiffs seeking a scientific investigation of the disputed structure found inside the mosque premises, which the plaintiffs claim is a *shivling*. The application was filed by four Hindu plaintiffs in the suit, who are represented by Advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain and his team. It sought the scientific examination of the disputed structure by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and carbon-dating of the structure to determine its age and nature.

SC to hear EC appointment petitions on November 17

A Constitution Bench on Thursday fixed for November 17 the hearing of petitions seeking an "independent mechanism for appointment of Election Commissioners (ECs)" outside the exclusive power of the government. Appearing before the five-judge Bench led by Justice K.M. Joseph, advocate Prashant Bhushan said the selection process should be done by a committee of the Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition and the Chief Justice of India. The petitions were referred to the Constitution Bench despite objections raised by the Centre that the appointment of ECs was "consciously" a part of the executive function of the state.

PSBs to hold drive to fill SC vacancies by year-end: NCSC

All Public Sector Banks in the country have now been instructed to run a special drive from October 2 to December 31, in a bid to fill the backlog in the recruitment to positions reserved for members of Scheduled Castes, National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) chairperson Vijay Sampla said on Thursday. Mr. Sampla said that after the commission had conducted a cursory review of six of the 12 PSBs in the country, it had found that the backlog in recruitment for these positions was a major issue and had shared these concerns with the Finance Ministry along with others related to the disbursement of government schemes and benefits meant for SCs. When asked which banks were reviewed and the exact extent of the backlog in recruitment, Mr. Sampla said the commission is not currently able to put an exact number to it.

SC allows activist Gautam Navlakha to take treatment at hospital of his choice

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday ordered activist Gautam Navlakha, who was arrested in 2018 in the Bhima Koregaon case, to be taken immediately for a thorough medical check-up.

A Bench of Justices K.M. Joseph and Hrishikesh Roy ordered the Superintendent, Taloja Central Prison, Navi Mumbai, to take Mr. Navlakha immediately to the Jaslok Hospital in Mumbai (Mr. Navlakha's choice of hospital).

However, Mr. Navlakha, the court said, would continue to remain in police custody during his stay at the Jaslok Hospital.

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e-Tender (on-line) Notice and Open Auction(off-line) for the sale of surplus bagasse of 2022-23 season

On line bids are invited through e-tender portal **https://tntenders.gov.in** from the bulk consumers for sale of expected surplus bagasse for an approximate quantity of 56,320 MT from Co-operative Sugar Mills in Tamil Nadu. The upset price for sale of surplus bagasse of 2022-23 season is Rs.2,470/- per MT (Basic Price) and GST, Transportation etc are additional. The last date for submission of bids is 28.10.2022 at 11.00 A.M. Bids will be opened on 31.10.2022 at 11.30 A.M. Bids in physical form not accepted.

Place : Chennai - 35.
Date : 28.09.2022 DIPR/4349/Tender/2022 **Managing Director**

"சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம், சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்".

TAMILNADU MINERALS LIMITED
No.31, Kamarajar Salai, Chepauk, Chennai 600 005.
Phone No. 29862018, 28511972.
NOTICE INVITING e – TENDER WITH FORWARD BIDDING

1	Description	Sale of dimensional granite blocks from certain quarries of TAMIN, Tamil Nadu
2	Tender No. & date Tender ID	1048/EX-1/2022, Dated.27.09.2022. 2022_TNMIN_253968_1
3	Bid submission end date	27.10.2022 upto 1600 hrs
4	Technical bid opening date	28.10.2022 at 1600 hrs
5	Tender form fee & EMD	Rs.2,000/- or equivalent USD.25 (Non- refundable) Rs.1,18,000/- or equivalent USD.1485 per quarry

Note : For further details please visit Tamil Nadu e-tendering portal : **https://tntenders.gov.in / www.tamingranites.com**
DIPR/4351/TENDER/2022 **General Manager (Finance)**

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WATCO
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WATCO
Ground Floor, Unnati Bhawan,
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Telefax:- +91-674-2391444; E-mail – mail@watcoodisha.in; md@watcoodisha.in

INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)
Bid Identification No. WATCO(W)-26/2022-23, Dtd.28.09.2022

WATCO No.4479, Date: 28.09.2022

1.	Name of the work	: (1) Procurement of Programme logic controller (PLC) panel, Flow Meter, Control Valve, Altitue valve, Chlorine Annalyser etc. for with 24x7 water supply to different DFT Zones under WATCO-1,BBSR (2) 20 DFT zones under WATCO-II,BBSR (3) 08 nos of DFT zones under WATCO-II, BBSR, (4) 13 nos of DFT zones under WATCO Division, Cuttack, (5) 10 nos of DFT zones under WATCO Division, Cuttack (6) 10 nos of DFT zones under WATCO Division, Cuttack
2.	Estimated Cost	: 1) Rs.378.58 Lakh, 2) Rs.426.77 lakh, 3) Rs.308.96 lakh, 4) Rs.421.94 lakh, 5) Rs.386.18 lakh, 6) Rs.389.70 lakh.
3.	Period of completion	: 45 Days
4.	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	: From 11.00 AM of Dt.01.10.2022 to 5.00 PM of 11.10.2022
5.	Last date / time of receipt of bids in the portal	: 5.00 PM of 11.10.2022
6.	Date & Time of opening of technical bids	: 12.30 PM of 12.10.2022
7.	Name and Address of the Officer Inviting Bid	: CEO, WATCO Telefax:- 0674-2391444. E-Mail : mail@watcoodisha.in; md@watcoodisha.in ; mail to : eephibbsr@ori.nic.in
8.	The bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only.	

Further details can be seen from the web site **www.tendersodisha.gov.in"**
CEO, WATCO
C-1319 : OIPR-13194/11/0053/2223

The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd.
(A Govt. of Kerala Undertaking)
(An ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001 & SA 8000 Certified Company)
KMML Spreading Splendour
Sankaramangalam, Chavara, Kollam-691 583, Kerala, India
Ph: +91 476 2651215 to 2561217 CIN-U1409KL1972SGC002399
Fax: 91 0476 2680101, 2686721 E-mail: contact@kmml.com, URL www.kmml.com
Competitive Tenders are invited for following. For more details please visit the E-Tendering Portal, **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in** or **www.kmml.com**

Sl No	Tender ID	Items
1.	2022_KMML_509683_1	For the supply of Sodium Hexa Meta Phosphate-68 MT
2.	2022_KMML_511043_1	For fabrication and supply of Pre-Treatment Sump Scrubbing System
3.	2022_KMML_508545_1	For the supply of FRP Pipe
4.	2022_KMML_509095_1	For the supply of Gear Box for Digester with Fabricated Casing-1 No

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Project South, South Zone Office Complex, 9th Main, 9th Cross, Jayanagara 2nd Block, Bengaluru-560011
No.: EEP(S)/E-Procu/13/2022-23 **Date: 29.09.2022**

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)
The Executive Engineer, Project South, BBMP, invites tenders from eligible tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approx. Amount Put to tender (in Rupees)	EMD Amount in Rupees
	TWO COVER SYSTEM		
1	Supply of Data Entry Operator to Offices under the Joint Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike South Zone (to be deployed to the BBMP offices spread across the South Zone)	2,80,60,800/-	4,20,912/-

Calender of events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka. **(2)** Pre-bid meeting will be held at the Office of the Executive Engineer Project (South) **06.10.2022** at **3:00 p.m. (3)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **4:00 p.m.** on **15.10.2022** and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement portal guidelines. **(4)** Technical bid opening date: **17.10.2022** at **4:30 p.m. (5)** Financial bid opening date: **19.10.2022** at **4:00 p.m.** or after Technical bid approval. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project South, BBMP
"Pay Development Charges, Help to Develop Bengaluru"

कार्यालय नगर पालिका नैनवाँ जिला बून्दी (राज.)
क्रमांक: न.पा.नै./निर्माण शाखा/2022-23/4386 दिनांक: 22.09.2022
ई-निविदा सूचना-11/2022-23
सक्षम श्रेणी में विभिन्न विभागों में सिविल श्रेणी में पंजीकृत संवेदकों से ई-निविदा पद्धति से निम्नानुसार ऑनलाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। उक्त निविदा दिनांक 23.09.2022 से वेबसाईट http://sppp.raj.nic.in & http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखी जा सकती है। निविदा का NIB Code: DLB2223AS150 है। कार्य का UBN No.: DLB2223WSOB16752 है:-
प्रेम बाई, अध्यक्ष राज.संवाद/सी/8415/2022-23 मुकेश नागर, अधिशाषी अधिकारी

RAIL WHEEL FACTORY
Website: www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in
आज़ादी का अमृत महोत्सव
No.RWF/EW-52/879 Date : 29-09-2022
PENSION ADALAT
Pension Adalat with Pensioners and Family pensioners of Rail Wheel Factory will be held on 15-12-2022 (Thursday), at Conference Hall, Administration Building, Rail Wheel Factory to redress the grievances of Pensioners/Family Pensioners pertaining to "PENSIONARY BENEFITS" only.
Pensioners, Family Pensioners may send their grievances with full details addressed to Senior Personnel Officer, Rail Wheel Factory, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560 064 to reach on or before **31-10-2022** in an envelope duly superscribed as "PENSION ADALAT – 2022" or they can also e-mail their grievances to C.vijayachintamani@gov.in
Cases involving purely legal or policy matters will not be entertained in the Pension Adalat.
PRINCIPAL CHIEF PERSONNEL OFFICER

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(TIRUCHCHIRAPPALLI DIVISION)
E-Tender Notice No.T-SG-36-I-15-2022-23 Dt. 27.09.2022
Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Southern Railway, Tiruchchirappalli invites online tender for the following works up to 14.00 hrs on 19.10.2022.

Item No.	Tender Notice No.	Name of the Work
1	T-SG-36-I-15-2022-2023	Improvement to power supply arrangements by provision of Mini IPS at 6 LCs in VM-TPJ (CL), VM-PDY section and Augmentation of S&T assets by extension of power supply arrangements from nearby stations/ interlocked LC gates over TPJ Division.

Item No.	Cash Value in Lakhs of Rupees	Earnest Money Deposit Amount	Validity Offer	Closing Date and Time	Period of completion in months
1	252.73 Lakhs	Rs.2,76,400/-	60 Days	19.10.2022 @ 14.00 hrs	Six Months

If the date of opening of tenders happens to be a declared holiday at a later date, the tenders will be opened on the next working day at the stipulated time.
The detailed Tender Notice, Tender document along with terms & conditions and if any corrigendum to tender is issued can be accessed through **https://www.ireps.gov.in/**
GST will apply as per extent norms of GOI.
Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, DRM Office Complex, Southern Railway, Tiruchchirappalli - 620 001.
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INBRIEF

NEET-PG counselling process begins after long delay

The Medical Counselling Committee (MCC) began the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (Postgraduate) NEET-PG 2022 counselling choice-locking-facility on Thursday. Candidates who have registered themselves for the counselling to various courses and have filled the choices can avail this facility for round-1 through the official site of MCC at mcc.nic.in. The declaration of provisional and final result will be on September 30 and the reporting for Round-1 can be done from October 1 to October 7, 2022. The announcement comes a day after the MCC withdrew the round-one seat allotment result of the NEET-PG counselling 2022.

L. Adimoolam of *Dinamalar* made director of PTI Board

K.N. Shanth Kumar was re-elected vice-chairman and L. Adimoolam was appointed a director of the Press Trust of India's Board of Directors at its Annual General Meeting held on Thursday. Mr. Shanth Kumar, who is the vice-chairman of the Printers (Mysore) Pvt. Ltd, was elected for a second one-year term. Mr. Adimoolam is the publisher of *Dinamalar* daily's Coimbatore edition and is also its business and technical head.

175 alleged drug smugglers held in Operation Garuda

About 175 persons allegedly involved in drug smuggling have been arrested in different parts of the country in an operation led by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in close coordination with the Interpol, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and the police forces. The multi-phase exercise code-named 'Operation Garuda' has been launched to dismantle the drug smuggling networks with international linkages through coordinated enforcement actions across the world, through the Interpol. According to the CBI, the operation has so far resulted in the registration of 127 cases and arrests along with the seizure of huge quantities of narcotics.

Rape case FIR against politician's son quashed

The Bombay High Court has quashed the First Information Report (FIR) against Binoy Kodiyeri, son of former Kerala CPI(M) secretary Kodiyeri Balakrishnan, in an alleged rape case after he paid ₹80 lakh as compensation to the woman and the child born out of the incident. A Division Bench of Justices R.P. Mohitedere and S.M. Modak on September 27 disposed of the plea after Mr. Kodiyeri said he had transferred the amount and the woman decided to withdraw all the charges. In December 2020, the Mumbai Police had filed a chargesheet of 345 pages against Mr. Kodiyeri. He had been charged with rape, cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property, and criminal intimidation.

Ensure equal Net privacy for Indians and others: Centre

Social media companies, however big they were, have to comply with the laws of India and 'have to treat Indian citizens with an equal degree of privacy', the government tells Supreme Court

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The government on Thursday stated in the Supreme Court that it expects social media companies, however "big" they were, to treat Indian users' privacy on a par with foreign customers.

"My stand is clear. Howsoever big the multinational corporation be, if you are operating in India, you have to comply with the laws of India and have to treat Indian citizens with an equal degree of privacy as you treat others across the world," Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta declared the government's commitment to protecting Internet privacy during a hearing before a Constitution Bench headed by Justice K.M. Joseph.

Mr. Mehta said, "Many directions of the Central government are flouted.

Many legal directions under the statutory regime are flouted."

He said the government is in the process of making a law to protect social media users.

"Government is alive to the situation. The preparation of making the Bill is already going on. This issue requires more of a legislative response than a judicial intervention," said the Solicitor General, asking the Bench to wait for the new law.

To Justice Joseph's statement, "If the government was keen to bring legislation, it would have done so. This case is pending for nearly five years", Mr. Mehta said a draft Bill had been earlier tabled and then withdrawn.

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> **JUSTICE K.M. JOSEPH**

Senior advocate Shyam Divan, for the petitioners, argued that corporations have to adopt a "golden mean or value" even in the absence of domestic online privacy laws.

Waiting for outcome

The Bench decided to wait for the outcome of the government's efforts to bring a Bill and posted the case for January 17 for final disposal.

The case is based on a petition by Karmanya Singh Sareen and Shreya Sethi challenging a 2016 policy of instant messaging app - WhatsApp - to give Facebook access to information and personal details shared by millions of its users.

Against free speech

The petitioners had said the policy was a violation of their privacy and free speech.

The duo had moved the apex court after the Delhi High Court upheld the contract.

The High Court had taken a nuanced position by confirming the legality of the policy while directing WhatsApp to "delete completely" from its server information or data or details of all users who choose to delete their account.

States to up vigil on communally charged posts on social media

Security advisory calls for taking down of objectionable content online by following SOPs

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

A couple of days after the nationwide raids on the premises of Popular Front of India (PFI) functionaries and the subsequent ban on the organisation and its associates, affiliates, and fronts, the Union government has sent out an advisory that there has been a significant increase in the posting of communally provocative content on social media platforms.

The Centre urged the States to take effective steps to curb the misuse of cyberspace by miscreants to stoke communal passions by circulating provocative messages, photos or videos.

Enhanced vigil

The advisory called for taking down such objectionable content and blocking user accounts by following the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

It underlined the need for enhanced vigil and heightened security arrangements at communally hyper-sensitive and sensitive locations, police sources told *The Hindu* on Thursday.

Asked for comment, Tamil Nadu Director-General of Police C. Sylendra Babu said that 'Social Media Monitoring Cells' and 'Cyber Forensic Cells' were established in all cities and districts in the State to block communally sensitive or any other objectionable content posted on social media platforms.

Adequate security arrangements were in place to protect prominent personalities and important establishments of the Central and State governments, the DGP said.

PFI's alleged links in Turkey and Qatar under scrutiny

Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

The enforcement agencies are probing the alleged links of the now-banned Popular Front of India (PFI) with the extremist elements in Turkey, and the others who extended financial support to the outfit from Qatar to carry out its activities in India.

"In search of funding for their organisation, some PFI members had earlier travelled to Qatar and met certain Turkish nationals... there are also reports that its national executive council members E.M. Rahiman and P. Koya were allegedly hosted in Istanbul by an al-Qaeda linked charity organisation," said an agency official.

The official said several persons linked to the PFI had also joined the IS in the past. In a case later taken over by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), the Delhi Police Special Cell had arrested Mohammed Ismail Mohideen, a resident of Kannur in Kerala, along with another person, after he was deported by the Turkish authorities in July 2017.

The accused identified himself as Shahjahan V.K. and disclosed that he had issued a passport in the name of Ismail Mohideen after he was deported from Turkey for the first time in February the same year. Shahjahan had allegedly joined the National Democratic Front (predecessor of the PFI) in 2006. He then came in contact with the local PFI leaders and attended its meetings in 2008.

It is alleged that the then PFI divisional president of Valapattanam, Shameer, introduced Shahjahan to the IS ideology and motivated him to go to Turkey/Syria after the declaration of Caliphate by Abu Bakar Bagdadi of IS.

"Most of the accused were linked to the PFI. Hamza, a Gulf returnee, was the mastermind behind recruiting youth from Kerala for the IS. He befriended some PFI supporters, while Sameer provided the action plan to travel to Syria via different countries," the official said.

At end of U.S. tour, Minister indicates F-16 issue came up in talks with Blinken

Sriram Lakshman
WASHINGTON DC

India has objected at various levels to the U.S. providing Pakistan assistance for its F-16s, and asked whether this $450 million sustainment package for the fighter jets came up during his talks with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar indicated that it did.

"I think a number of issues pertaining to our neighbourhood came up... you can guess the obvious, but I would not like to characterise the discussion in detail because it's a discussion within a closed group," Mr. Jaishankar told the Indian press at a briefing in Washington DC on Wednesday afternoon, as he concluded his approximately 10-day visit to the U.S.

Speaking to a diaspora group on Sunday, Mr. Jaishankar had said, "You're not fooling anybody by saying these things," about the F-16 assistance package being given to Pakistan ostensibly for counter-terrorism reasons."

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken meeting with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar in Washington, DC. PTI

At Wednesday's briefing, Mr. Jaishankar said the energy fallout of the Ukraine conflict also featured widely in his talks.

"And by the way, that was also applied to the energy scenario as well. So, in fact, that particular subject, there were a wider set of discussions and consultations involving others beyond [the U.S. Department of] State as well," the Minister said, alluding to energy insecurity and energy issues caused by the Russia-Ukraine war, including a cap on energy prices being worked out by the Group of Seven (G7) advanced economies.

Standing beside Mr. Blinken on Tuesday at a press appearance, Mr. Jaishankar had said India was a $2,000 per capita economy and the price of oil "is breaking our back".

Mr Jaishankar, on Wednesday, said "overall" his sense was that India-US ties are "in a good place" and the relationship had "great capability and potential". He characterised the bilateral conversation as "solid, positive, product".

A day earlier, Mr. Blinken had characterised the relationship as "simply one of the most consequential in the world".

No updates in 'risk levels' in Canadian travel advisory

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

No new updates were made to the 'risk levels' and 'safety and security' sections of the Canadian government's travel advisory for India, *The Hindu* has learned.

The official Canadian response in this regard came following Indian media reports that claimed Ottawa, in a "tit for tat" advisory for India, had urged nationals to avoid border States such as Gujarat and Punjab.

"The information in the 'risk level' and 'safety and security' sections of the travel advisory has not been recently updated and has been in place for a long period of time, and publicly available," said a High Commission of Canada Spokesperson on Thursday.

"The update made on September 27 was related only to the 'Health' section and more specifically to the 'COVID-19 and International Travel' and 'Monkeypox: Advice for travellers' sub-sections," the spokesperson added.

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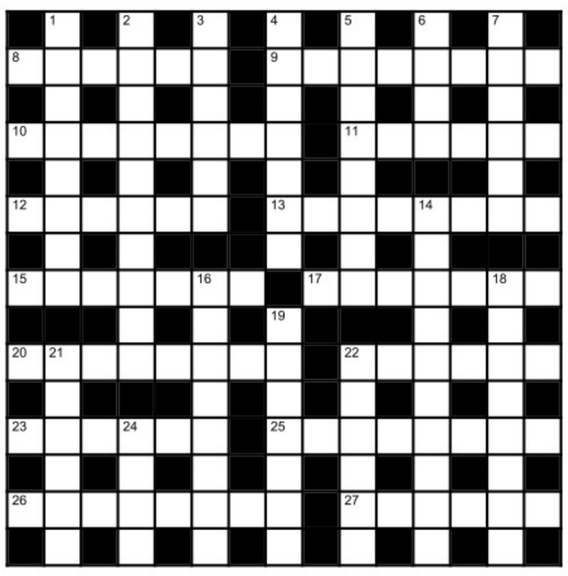

Across

8 Castle piece that is sacrificed for a leap, oddly (6)
9 Programmes shows on screen (8)
10 One-under — a score one added to rounds on a golf course? (8)
11 Drape a bust for show (6)
12 Groups of nuns dancing around briefly in a circle (6)
13 Reminder to order a small laptop (8)
15 Hints of colour beginning to show all around Michigan by end of season (7)
17 Parks deposit (7)
20 Exposing affair full of hot sex appeal, repulsed (8)
22 Quiet ragas near the end of concert (6)
23 Bugs, perhaps, essentially irritates religious leader up front (6)
25 Inside joke abruptly inserted into rambling intro and tale's conclusion (8)
26 Sketches made by Neanderthal, curve shifting left to right (8)
27 Set Millie Bobby Brown's digital avatar? (6)

Down

1 Virtue of person waiting to see a busy doctor, it is said? (8)
2 Orders two gates, one broken into scattered pieces — place cleared out (10)
3 Fair to be tackled by sportspersons from both sides of rugby game? (6)
4 First hole (7)
5 Passenger, male, ejected by Chief of Police and PC (8)
6 Approach in stealth — clandestine arrival (4)
7 Plant dust scattered on moon (6)
14 Fours and sixes — runs all over park essentially, that is (10)
16 Like a car in bank? Break in, dash (8)
18 Learn, record again (8)
19 Stand in violent gust, most violent (7)
21 Class tournament (6)
22 Measures of time in simple rhythms ultimately (6)
24 Order a beast (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Tyaga, the only path

Though many of us are aware that the ultimate goal can be reached only by renouncing one's attachment to the world, we also realise the challenges and hurdles in this path. In this context, the narrative of Vritrasura in the Bhagavata Purana inspires the spirit of Vairagya that the asura typifies even when he faces imminent death during his confrontation with Indra, pointed out Sri Sankararama Dikshitar in a discourse.

In the battlefield, God appears before him and he offers his prayers to him. He is sure he will die in this battle for no one can oppose the divine power of the Vajrayudha. Like many of us who may wish that this is our final birth, but know for certain this is not to be, Vritrasura accepts that once he dies, he will be pushed once again into the samsara chakra leading to further entanglement. He does not wish for other higher worlds such as swarga loka, Brahma loka, patala loka, etc. Neither does he long for attainments such as kingship or yoga siddhi. For, wealth and power that appear attractive only lead to passion, concern, anxiety, discord, misery and physical pain. But the greatest and most valuable asset is His grace which will lead us out of this cycle of birth. This is the only choice of all His devotees who wish to remain steeped in His auspicious qualities at all times.

Knowing that he will die and will have to be reborn, he prays to the Lord to grant him a birth where he will have occasion to have Sat Sanga. For, in the company of the pious devotees, the chances of insulating one from the worldly pulls are possible. His prayer to God is to grant him a mind that seeks Him alone in his next birth.

KABUL

Taliban fire into air to disperse women's rally backing Iran protest

Taliban forces on Thursday used gunfire to disperse a women's rally in the Afghan capital in support of protests in Iran over the death of a woman in police custody. Chanting the same "Women, life, freedom" mantra used in Iran, nearly 25 women protested in front of Kabul's Iranian Embassy before Taliban forces intervened. AFP

YANGON

Suu Kyi jailed for another three years by Myanmar junta court

Myanmar's junta sentenced an Australian economist to three years in prison on Thursday while also handing down another conviction to ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi, a source said on Thursday. Sean Turnell was an adviser when the military ousted Suu Kyi's government in a coup. AFP

HELSINKI

Finland closing border to Russians with EU tourist visas

Finland said it would bar Russians with Schengen tourist visas from entering the country from Thursday midnight. Authorities cited damage to "Finland's international relations" as a justification for the decision and said Russia's mobilisation had a "significant impact" on the Finnish assessment. AFP

PARIS

Iran arrests reporter who covered Amini funeral, says lawyer

Iran on Thursday arrested a reporter who covered the funeral of Mahsa Amini, her lawyer said. Elahe Mohammadi was summoned by the judicial authorities but was then arrested by security forces while she was on her way to questioning, her lawyer Mohammad Ali Kamfirouzi wrote on Twitter. AFP

'India wants a relationship of mutual sensitivity with China'

Jaishankar's comments come after the remarks by Chinese Ambassador to India, claiming that the situation along the LAC was moving towards being 'normalised'

Sriram Lakshman
WASHINGTON

Taking a stand: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken hold a press conference at the State Department in Washington on Tuesday. AP

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said India sought a relationship with China but one that was built on mutual respect. His comments were made at a press briefing on Wednesday in Washington DC in the context of Chinese Ambassador to India Sun Weidong claiming that the situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) was moving towards being "normalised" and "overall stable". Mr. Jaishankar had said earlier – such as in Bengaluru in August – that the relationship with China was not normal and could not be normal as the border situation was not normal.

"No, look, I think, if the spokesperson [sic] of a Foreign Ministry were to say something, I would urge you to seek comment from the spokesperson of the Foreign Ministry of the corresponding country," said Mr. Jaishankar, who is concluding an approximately 10-day visit to the UN in New York and to Washington DC.

"I think what I have said to my mind represents accurate policy assessment of where the state of our relations are. We continue to strive for a relationship with China. But one that is built on mutual sensitivity, mutual respect and mutual interest," he said.

'Wait and See': Jaishankar on India's position on Russian 'referendums' in Ukraine

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WASHINGTON

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar was non-committal on where India stood with regard to so-called 'referendums' Russia has organised in four occupied regions in Ukraine. When asked whether the so-called referenda aid the cause of peace and conform to the UN Charter principles that India stood by as per his address to the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) last week, Mr. Jaishankar did not answer the question but said the issue would come up for discussion at the U.N.

"I think it is an issue that will be coming up for consideration. My understanding is in the United Nations. So I would urge you to wait and see what our Ambassador [Ruchira Kamboj] has to say," he said at a press briefing to the Indian press at the conclusion of his U.S. visit.

Ukrainian soldiers fire a mortar launcher at a position near the Donetsk region. AFP

UN resolution

The U.S. Ambassador to the U.N., Linda Thomas Greenfield, had said on Tuesday that the U.S. and Albania would introduce a resolution on these 'referendums' at the U.N. Security Council.

They would ask countries not to accept alterations in the status of Ukraine and require Russia to withdraw its troops from Ukrainian territory. Ms. Thomas Greenfield had also said the resolutions would be put to the General Assembly if Russia, which has a veto at the UNSC, blocks its passage by the body, as it is expected to do. Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine on February 24, India has abstained on resolutions censuring Moscow at the Security Council and the General Assembly.

Russia has conducted what it refers to as referendums between September 23 and 27 in Ukrainian provinces of Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhya and Kherson, with Russian administrations in these provinces, on Wednesday, asking to join Russia.

'Deliberate' sabotage in Nord Stream leaks: NATO

Agence France-Presse
BRUSSELS

NATO on Thursday said leaks from the Nord Stream gas pipelines appeared to be sabotage and vowed a "determined response" to any attacks on their critical infrastructure.

"All currently available information indicates that this is the result of deliberate, reckless and irresponsible acts of sabotage," the Western military alliance said. The statement said that the alliance was "committed to prepare for, deter and defend against the coercive use of energy and other hybrid tactics. Any deliberate attack against Allies' critical infrastructure would be met with a united response."

Sweden's Coast Guard on Thursday said a fourth leak had been detected in the pipelines running from Russia to Europe.

U.S. confirms American citizen killed in Kurdistan

Reuters
WASHINGTON

U.S. State Department deputy spokesperson Vedant Patel on Thursday confirmed that a U.S. citizen was killed in the Iranian rocket attack that targeted dissident sites in Iraq's Kurdistan region on Wednesday.

Mr. Patel said he could not make any further comment on the case due to privacy considerations.

Washington said on Wednesday no U.S. officials or military personnel were killed in the strike.

European Union grapples with runaway energy prices

Agence France-Presse
BRUSSELS

The EU country on the frontline of the energy crunch is Germany, the bloc's export powerhouse

The European Union (EU) on Friday will seek urgent ways to bring down skyrocketing energy prices as winter looms, with "sabotage" of gas pipelines from Russia this week injecting drama into the effort.

Energy Ministers will gather in Brussels to consider an emergency European Commission proposal that includes cutting power use in the bloc, imposing windfall levies on energy companies and discussing a price cap on wholesale gas supplies.

Europe has found itself over a barrel as fossil fuel deliveries from Russia dry up. EU sanctions on Moscow for its invasion of Ukraine, which include shunning Russian oil starting in December, have prompted the Kremlin to retaliate by severely reducing supplies of natural gas.

Unexplained leaks on the undersea Nord Stream 1 and 2 gas pipelines from Russia to Germany have aggravated the situation.

Alarm is rising sharply among Europeans faced with climbing energy bills.

The EU country on the frontline of the energy crunch is Germany, the bloc's export powerhouse which had long been dependent on Russian gas.

After recording a jump to 10% inflation, its government said it will borrow 200 billion euros to shield German households and businesses from "an energy war".

The European Commission is trying to leverage the COVID-era cooperation to forge a common EU approach on energy.

Ian the terrible

Havoc unleashed: Partially submerged boats at a marina in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian in Fort Myers, Florida, on Thursday. The National Hurricane Centre said the eye of the "extremely dangerous" hurricane made landfall in the afternoon. AFP

Amid crisis, Lebanon fails to elect new President

Agence France-Presse
BEIRUT

New chapter: Lebanese lawmakers count the votes after casting their ballots at Parliament building in downtown Beirut. AP

Lebanon's Parliament failed to elect a new President after a first round of voting on Thursday amid deep divisions over a replacement for Michel Aoun whose term expires next month.

A majority of lawmakers cast blank ballots, suggesting the election process is likely to drag on, an outcome Lebanon can ill afford as it wrestles with a crippling financial crisis.

Speaker Nabih Berri said he would call a new session of Parliament "when an agreement is reached on the next President" – a process that could take months in a country where constitutional deadlines are routinely missed.

Thursday's session was attended by 122 of Parliament's 128 members, of whom 66 cast blank ballots.

Christian politician Michel Moawad, the son of former president Rene Moawad, emerged as the front-runner but his 36 votes fell well short of the 86 needed to win in the first round.

Under Lebanon's long-standing confessional power-sharing system, the presidency is reserved for a Maronite Christian.

A walkout by some MPs meant there was no second round of voting.

Deep divisions among lawmakers have raised fears Lebanon could be left without a president after Mr. Aoun's mandate expires at the end of October.

The incumbent's own election in 2016 came after a 29-month vacancy at the presidential palace as lawmakers made 45 failed attempts to reach consensus on a candidate.

Launch of the process

A statement by Mr. Aoun's office said the President was "satisfied with the launch of the electoral process" and expressed hopes Parliament would continue to meet to elect a president within the constitutional timeframe. The political parties that must now agree on the next head of state have yet to appoint a new government to replace the outgoing one after its mandate expired in May.

The crisis has caused poverty rates to reach more than 80% of the population, as food prices have risen by 2,000%, the United Nations has said.

The international community has pressed Lebanese lawmakers to elect a new President in "timely" fashion to avoid plunging the country deeper into crisis.

Last week, France, Saudi Arabia and the United States issued a joint statement urging MPs to "elect a president who can unite the Lebanese people".

U.S. announces $810 mn in funding for Pacific islands

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

This will allow the U.S. to increase its diplomatic footprint in the Cook Island and Niue

The United States on Thursday announced $810 million in new funding for Pacific islands at a summit with President Joe Biden amid inroads by China in the strategic but sparsely populated region.

The White House said $600 million will be in the form of a 10-year package to clean up and develop dirty waters to support the tuna industry, while the United States will also expand climate and development aid and its diplomatic presence.

Mr. Biden later on Thursday will address the first-ever Washington summit of Pacific Island nations, including 12 heads of state or government, in hopes of using a personal touch to reconnect with a region that has been tied closely to the United States since the Second World War. With the U.S. until now often seen as taking the region for granted, China has asserted itself strongly in recent years through investment, police training and, most controversially, a security pact with the Solomon Islands.

The Biden administration also announced that the United States would recognise Cook Islands and Niue, a self-governing territory whose foreign and defence policies and currency are linked to New Zealand. The step will allow the United States to increase its diplomatic footprint in the Cook Island and Niue, which have fewer than 20,000 inhabitants.

Western officials and analysts fear that Beijing will use the Solomon Islands as a base to expand militarily into the Pacific."

INBRIEF

Mercedes-Benz targets more than 30% growth in sales

With an order backlog of 7,000 units - its highest ever - Mercedes-Benz India is expecting to close this year with a more than 30% growth in sales compared with last year as demand for its vehicles are on the rise, said MD & CEO Martin Schwenk. "We have very high order book," Mr. Schwenk said. "We do not see any cooling effect on the demand which is pretty healthy," he added. Attributing the demand pull to the product portfolio, he said, "So far we have reported 30% higher sales as compared to the same period last year."

'Housing sales rose 49% in July-Sept. across 8 key cities'

Housing sales rose 49% year-on-year to 83,220 units in the July-September period across eight major cities on pent up demand, despite rise in interest rates and property prices, according to housing brokerage firm PropTiger.com.

Sales stood at 55,910 units in the same quarter last year. Housing sales in Mumbai jumped more than two-fold to 28,800 units from 14,160 units in the previous year. Pune witnessed 55% growth in sales to 15,700 units from 10,130 units, Delhi NCR saw 22% increase in housing sales to 5,430 units from 4,460 units. In Bengaluru, sales of residential properties increased 20% to 7,890 units from 6,550 units. However, sales fell by 5% each in Chennai and Kolkata, data showed. PTI

Senior citizens, families to see small gains in small savings

Government raises interest rates on 5 schemes by 0.1% to 0.3% for Dec. quarter, increases are the first change after a nine-quarter pause

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

Inching up: Senior citizens' savings will earn 7.6% from October 1, instead of the 7.4% payable till September 30. PTI

The Centre on Thursday announced increases of 0.1-0.3 percentage points in interest rates payable on five small savings instruments (SSIs) including the Kisan Vikas Patra, Senior Citizens' Savings scheme and time deposits for 2 and 3 years, for the quarter beginning October 1, marking the first increase in small savings rates since January 2019.

The rate for Kisan Vikas Patra has been raised to 7% from 6.9% for the coming quarter, and senior citizens' savings will earn 7.6%, instead of the 7.4% payable till September 30. Rates were left unchanged for seven other designated small savings schemes, including the Public Provident Fund (PPF) at 7.1%, and the Sukanya Samriddhi Account Scheme at 7.6%.

The last time small savings rates were raised was for the January to March quarter of 2019, just ahead of the last Lok Sabha elections. The rates had been kept unchanged for nine successive quarters since the April to June quarter of 2020, when they were slashed across schemes.

'Negative spread'

In August, the RBI had observed that the rise in yields on government securities (G-secs) had turned 'the spread between the existing interest rates' and formula-based rates 'negative for most small saving schemes'.

Returns on SSIs are linked to market yields on G-secs with a lag and are fixed on a quarterly basis at a spread of 0-100 basis points over and above G-sec yields of comparable maturities. The decision to raise rates on just five SSIs, will mean that returns for some of the schemes, such as the PPF, will be negative in the coming quarter in relation to the formula, an economist said.

Current account deficit widened to 2.8% of GDP in Q1

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

India's current account deficit (CAD) widened to $23.9 billion, or 2.8% of GDP, in the April-June period, from $13.4 billion or 1.5% in the preceding quarter, and compared with a surplus of $6.6 billion (0.9%) a year earlier, Reserve Bank of India data released on Thursday show.

"CAD will certainly widen further despite the moderation in crude oil prices," said Rupa Rege Nitsure, chief economist at L&T Financial Holdings.

"India can attract more capital inflows if and only if it shows an improvement in growth prospects. Going by the underlying trends, India's CAD may be 3.5-3.7%... in FY23," she noted.

While debits were to the tune of $254.9 billion, credits totalled $231 billion.

'Trade deficit widens'

The CAD widened mainly on account of the merchandise trade deficit broadening to $68.6 billion, from $30.7 billion, as well as an increase in net outgo of investment income payments.

Net services receipts increased, both sequentially and on a year-on-year basis, on the back of rising exports of computer and business services.

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> **RUPA REGE NITSURE**
> Chief Economist at L&T Financial Holdings

Services exports grew 35.4% from a year earlier, led by broad-based growth in computer, business, transportation, and travel services, the RBI said.

Private transfer receipts, mainly remittances by Indians employed overseas, grew 22.6% year-on-year to $25.6 billion. Net outgo on the income account, primarily reflecting payments of investment income, increased to $9.3 billion, from $7.5 billion.

In the financial account, net foreign direct investment (FDI) rose to $13.6 billion, from $11.6 billion a year earlier.

Net foreign portfolio investment saw outflows of $14.6 billion, versus inflows of $0.4 billion in Q1 FY22.

(With Reuters inputs)

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	THURSDAY	%CHANGE
Sensex	56,410	-0.33
US Dollar	81.73	0.24
Gold	49,960	1.37
Brent oil	88.78	0.66

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	816.40	-10.70
Apollo Hosp	4391.70	122.75
Asian Paints	3384.80	-185.85
Axis Bank	719.00	2.55
Bajaj Auto	3476.70	-69.20
Bajaj Finserv	1635.90	-16.30
Bajaj Finance	7104.75	-97.75
Bharti Airtel	764.65	3.20
BPCL	303.25	-2.75
Britannia Ind	3864.50	11.30
Cipla	1115.85	18.70
Coal India	213.90	3.10
Divis Lab	3693.65	-9.70
Dr. Reddy's Lab	4360.70	91.00
Eicher Motors	3624.10	-4.20
Grasim Ind	1655.80	-13.35
HCL Tech	923.05	2.25
HDFC	2237.50	-6.55
HDFC Bank	1382.35	-7.20
HDFC Life	528.00	13.55
Hero MotoCorp	2536.30	-55.05
Hindalco	371.20	10.45
Hind Unilever	2700.55	-1.55
ICICI Bank	843.90	-5.60
IndusInd Bank	1142.25	1.35
Infosys	1398.65	3.95
ITC	333.05	8.10
JSW Steel	618.25	1.75
Kotak Bank	1765.30	-27.30
L&T	1815.50	-19.95
M&M	1258.35	15.95
Maruti Suzuki	8624.85	-101.90
NestleIndia	18979.15	138.20
NTPC	159.55	1.60
ONGC	126.65	4.10
PowerGrid Corp	208.00	0.30
Reliance Ind	2325.30	-7.15
SBI Life	1239.80	1.00
State Bank	521.75	-3.10
Shree Cement	21287.05	442.55
Sun Pharma	930.70	12.85
TataConsumer Product	792.60	-1.05
Tata Motors	402.25	3.15
Tata Steel	96.85	1.65
TCS	2997.30	-38.35
Tech Mahindra	1007.10	-22.60
Titan	2531.50	-45.45
UltraTech Cement	6175.90	2.95
UPL	656.80	-6.90
Wipro	392.80	-5.25

Govt. aims to borrow ₹10,000 cr. less in FY23 on tax mop up

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The government on Thursday slashed its market borrowing target for FY23 by ₹10,000 crore, indicating buoyant tax collections which would be enough to bear ₹44,762 crore additional expenditure on free ration distribution.

In addition to the Budgeted collection from direct and indirect taxes, the government is also expecting gains from the windfall profit tax on oil that was levied from July 1.

In a statement, the Finance Ministry said the government would borrow a total of ₹5.92 lakh crore during the October-March period of the current fiscal, including from issuance of its maiden Sovereign Green Bonds (SGB) of ₹16,000 crore.

The government had in Budget for 2022-23 projected a gross market borrowing of ₹14.31 lakh crore.

Of this, the government decided to borrow ₹14.21 lakh crore during 2022-23.

"Accordingly, the balance amount of ₹5.92 lakh crore (41.7% of ₹14.21 lakh crore) is planned to be borrowed in the second half of the fiscal year 2022-23 through dated securities," it said.

The gross direct tax collections till September 17 grew 30% to more than ₹8.36 lakh crore.

Don't rely on incentives, subsidies, Goyal tells exporters

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Thursday asked services exporters not to depend on small subsidies or incentives to increase exports and instead enhance competitiveness.

He said the industry should work on increasing and strengthening their competitiveness to tap global markets.

Ambitious targets of exports should not be affected by "small support subsidies and incentives. That has been the bone of contention between some services sectors and the government," Mr. Goyal said.

The sector has time and again demanded continuation of Service Exports from India Scheme (SEIS). The government has discontinued the scheme.

External debt slid by $2.5 billion in Q1 on valuation gains: RBI

Press Trust of India
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Excluding the valuation effect, external debt would have increased by $11.9 billion

India's external debt during the first quarter of 2022-23 declined by $2.5 billion to $617.1 billion over end-March 2022, the Reserve Bank of India said.

The external debt to GDP ratio declined to 19.4% at end-June, from 19.9% at end-March.

Valuation gains due to the appreciation of the U.S. dollar vis-a-vis the Indian rupee and major currencies including the yen and euro were placed at $14.4 billion, RBI data on India's external debt as of end-June 2022 show.

"Excluding the valuation effect, external debt would have increased by $11.9 billion instead of a decrease of $2.5 billion," the central bank said.

At end-June 2022, long-term debt (with an original maturity of above one year) was placed at $487.3 billion, recording a decrease of $10.6 billion over its level at end-March 2022.

On the other hand, the share of short-term debt (with an original maturity of up to one year) in total external debt increased to 21% at end-June 2022, from 19.6% at end-March 2022.

U.S. dollar-denominated debt remained the largest part of external debt, with a share of 54.7% at end-June, followed by rupee-denominated debt (30.4%), SDR (6.3%), yen (5.1%), and the euro (2.8%). Outstanding debt of the general government declined while non-government debt rose.

Govt. defers rule on six airbags in cars by one year

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The government has deferred its decision on mandatory six airbags in passenger vehicles by a year until October 1, 2023 following industry pushback.

"Considering the global supply-chain constraints faced by the auto industry and its impact on the macroeconomic scenario, it has been decided to implement the proposal mandating a minimum of six airbags in passenger cars with effect from 1st October 2023," Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari tweeted. In January, his Ministry issued a draft notification requiring all new cars sold in India to have six airbags from October 1 this year.

'Centre creating enabling policies; States must work to woo investors'

Yuthika Bhargava
NEW DELHI

Rajeev Chandrasekhar

Even as the Centre is pushing to position India as an alternative to China for manufacturing of electronics through various policy initiatives, the State governments now need to play their role in welcoming investors to tap the huge opportunity in the sector, the Minister of State for IT and Electronics Rajeev Chandrasekhar told *The Hindu*.

"The government of India is [an] enabling government, we create policies, we create framework, make it easy to do business, but the investments flow into States, the jobs are created in the States. And therefore, State governments need to play their role in attracting these investments and the State governments that do this effectively will attract the investments, create the jobs and create economic expansion," he said.

Giving an example of "political failure" with the closing down of Nokia's manufacturing plant in Tamil Nadu, the Minister added that States need to value these investments and treat them carefully "because this is only the first step... there will be a second round of investment or a third round of investment."

'Alternative to China'

Replying to a query, he said, "Our objective is not to shift anything from China to India. Our objective is to position India as an [alternative] manufacturing destination that can be a competitive, efficient destination vis-a-vis China.."

The Minister, who on Friday will inaugurate a new manufacturing facility in Tamil Nadu by Taiwanese firm Pegatron – which is among the largest contract manufacturers for Apple – added that some of the States that are proactively working for electronics manufacturing are Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh. "These are fast emerging as electronics hubs... if you look at the Chinese example, they all started in 3-4 areas as small clusters and the clusters grew. So, these are four existing clusters, I believe the fifth cluster will be in Dholera, Gujarat," he said.

The Pegatron unit is expected to add about 30,000 jobs over the next few years and is being set up under the Centre's Production Linked Incentive scheme. Mr. Chandrasekhar added that the facility is important because it is a follow-on investment which is a sign that firms that had invested in India want to continue to invest here and expand.

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NOTIFICATION AND NOTICE INVITING TENDER
"Invitation of bids for grant of Mining Lease for iron ore mineral blocks"

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 10(B) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015 and the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 and amendments notified thereunder, clarifications issued by the Ministry of Mines, Government of India and also the Supreme Court Judgments and orders in Samaja Parivarthana Samudaya and Ors v/s. State of Karnataka and Others W.P. (C) 562 of 2009, the Government of Karnataka is conducting the 'second attempt' of auction for 2 Category 'C' iron ore blocks for grant of Mining Lease and hereby invites tenders through electronic auction.

List of Category 'C' iron ore blocks for grant of Mining Lease through auction

S. No.	Name of the block	District	Mineral	Concession Area (in Sq.Km)	Estimated Resources (in MMT)	Tender fee
1.	B.R Yogendranath Singh ML No. 2186	Bellary	Iron ore	15.89	2.84	INR 2,00,000+ 18%GST
2.	Sri. Allum Veerabhadrappa ML No. 2436	Chitradurga	Iron ore & Manganese	24.53	Fe-3.645 Mn-0.93	INR 2,00,000+ 18%GST

The 'second attempt' of the two blocks (2 iron ore), as identified above, is being undertaken as per clause (b) of sub-rule 11 of Rule 9 of Mineral (Auction) Rules 2015 and amendments thereof.

Any person, firm or company who satisfies the eligibility criteria can participate in the auction. Technical and financial bids for the above listed block are invited online. Apart from the online Technical Bids, bidders will have to submit duly executed original physical copies of their Technical Bids to the Tender Inviting Authority i.e. Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Karnataka.

Eligibility conditions, terms and conditions, date and time for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. Tender Documents, notifications, updates and other details for the e-auction process shall be available in electronic form only at the website of MSTC Ltd (**http://www.mstcecommerce.com / auctionhome/mlcl/index.jsp**).

Interested and eligible bidders can register themselves at the above website. On successful registration, bidders will obtain login ID and password, which are necessary for participation in the e-auction process. Model Tender Document and summary of the block shall be available free of cost at the website of MSTC Limited (**http://www.mstcecommerce.com /auctionhome/mlcl/index.jsp**). For participating in the bidding process, the registered bidders will have to purchase the block specific tender document at the website of MSTC Ltd as per fees mentioned in the table for each block.

The GST at the rate of 18% on the purchase of tender document shall be applicable. The GST applicable is to be paid by the prospective bidder itself. The prospective bidder shall be solely responsible for remitting the GST as per applicable law and statutory liability in this regard will be responsibility of prospective bidder and no liability whatsoever shall be borne by the DMG Karnataka /MSTC.

The sale of tender document shall commence from **30 September 2022**. Last date for sale of tender document at the website of MSTC Ltd is **18 November 2022**. Last date for submission of Technical Bids plus the Initial Price Offers at the website of MSTC Ltd is **30 November 2022 (up to 17:00 hours IST)**. Physical copies of the Technical Bids must reach the Tender Inviting Authority i.e. Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Karnataka by **17:00 hours IST on 30 November 2022**.

Sd/-
Director
Department of Mines & Geology

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CRICKET

Injured Buttler 'progressing well', but won't rush his return

England's limited-overs captain Jos Buttler said he is making good progress in his recovery from a calf injury but will not rush his return ahead of the Twenty20 World Cup, which begins in just over two weeks. He is currently with the England squad in Pakistan, watching the team from the sidelines in their seven-match T20 series.

FOOTBALL

PM congratulates Chhetri on release of 'Captain Fantastic'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday congratulated legendary Indian footballer Sunil Chhetri after FIFA announced the release of a series on his life and career. "Well done Sunil Chhetri! This will certainly boost football's popularity in India. @chetrisunil11," tweeted PM Modi.

GENERAL

Federer appreciates Kohli's video message

Virat Kohli on Thursday shared a heart-warming video for tennis legend Roger Federer. Replying to the message, the Swiss great thanked the Indian batter. "Thanks @ViratKohli I hope to make it to India soon," he wrote in his Instagram story. Federer called time on his remarkable career last week.

GOLF

Rory McIlroy laments that 'Golf is ripping itself apart'

Rory McIlroy said that the LIV Series golf continues to create a divide across the sport that isn't beneficial for any of the parties involved. "I don't want a fractured game. It's no good for anyone. There is a time and a place for it. I just think right now, with where everything is, it's probably not the right time."

Spectacular show of light and sound marks the inauguration

PM Modi highlights his Government's wholehearted support for sportspersons and sports at the colourful event that juxtaposed traditional performances with advanced augmented reality technology

NATIONAL GAMES

Y.B. Sarangi
AHMEDABAD

A spectacular opening ceremony, highlighting the country's desire to emerge as a soft power of sports and Gujarat's superb organisational skills, marked the formal inauguration of the 36th National Games at the Narendra Modi Stadium here on Thursday.

A remarkable show of light and sound covered by 50 Doordarshan cameras which were employed on a short notice of 15 days, enthralled more than one lakh spectators at the world's biggest cricket venue which was turned into a mega platform for the sporting extravaganza featuring more than 8000 athletes from across the country.

Let the Games begin: Prime Minister Narendra Modi acknowledging the crowd's cheers during the opening ceremony. VIJAY SONEJI

Soft power of sports

Inaugurating the National Games, Prime Minister Narendra Modi underlined the need to make the country a sports power. "The victory of the players, their strong performance, also paves the way for victory for the country in other fields. The soft power of sports enhances the country's identity and image manifold," he said.

The PM highlighted his Government's wholehearted support for sportspersons and sports, including the indigenous ones. He said the Games mascot 'Savaj' (lion) reflected the mood of fearless participation among Indian youth.

While applauding the Gujarat Government for the prompt hosting of the Games, the Prime Minister virtually inaugurated the Swarnim Gujarat Sports University to be established in Vadodara.

Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel emphasised on his State's initiative for the use of technology and skill development in sports.

Indian Olympic Association secretary-general Rajeev Mehta said the conduct of the Games at a short notice would push the country to try hosting the 2036 Olympics.

Ankita takes oath

Tennis player Ankita Raina took the oath on behalf of the athletes at the ceremony, also attended by top sportspersons such as Neeraj Chopra, P.V. Sindhu, Gagan Narang, Ravi Dahiya, Mirabai Chanu and Anju Bobby George.

The colourful event – juxtaposing traditional performances with advanced augmented reality technology – began with musical shows by different artistes, including Mohit Chauhan and Shankar Mahadevan, and went on to exhibit a virtual 'Torch of Unity' and march past by the participating teams.

It concluded with attractive Gujarati folk dance 'garbha', coinciding with the Navaratri celebrations, to the tunes of popular Hindi film songs.

Mirabai the favourite to win the women's 49kg crown

Y.B. Sarangi
GANDHINAGAR

Olympics silver medallist Mirabai Chanu will be the biggest star attraction in weightlifting competitions, starting at the 36th National Games here from Friday.

Mirabai, who had taken a silver behind Sanjita Chanu in women's 48kg in 2015, has grown in stature following her World title victory in 2017 and Olympics silver in 2021.

Steady rise: Mirabai has grown in stature following her World title in 2017 and Olympics silver in 2021. PTI

The superstar lifter, who claimed her second Commonwealth Games gold this year, will be the favourite to win the women's 49kg crown this time despite the presence of Sanjita, who went through a difficult phase to revive her career after being a victim of a poorly handled doping case.

Besides the two, Commonwealth Games silver medallist Bindyarani Devi will be part of a strong Manipur women's contingent.

Prominent archers to be seen in action at the Games

Sports Bureau
AHMEDABAD

The National Games archery events, beginning at the Sanskardham ground here on Friday, will be the year-ender for India's top archers.

Olympians Tarundeep Rai, Atanu Das, Pravin Jadhav, Jayanta Talukdar and young talent Parth Salunkhe among the men and the talented Ankita Bhakat, Komalika Bari, Ridhi Phor and Dipti Kumari among women are some of the prominent names who will be seen in action in recurve competitions.

But fans will miss the experienced Deepika Kumari, who has chosen to take a break.

In compound, the decorated Abhishek Verma, Rajat Chauhan and Aman Saini among men and triple Worlds silver medallist V. Jyothi Surekha, Priya Gurjar, Muskar Kirar, Avneet Kaur and Pragati among women are some of the attractions.

Non-shooting stars get a feel of the range

Taking aim: Sindhu tries her hand at firing a rifle as Gagan Narang and her father look on. SAI

Santadeep Dey
AHMEDABAD

Two-time Olympic medallist P.V. Sindhu, World Athletics Championship bronze medal winner Anju Bobby George and Commonwealth Games medallist Trupti Murgunde visited the Ahmedabad Military and Rifle Training Association range in Khanpur on Thursday to meet the shooters and get a hands-on experience of the sport during the 36th National Games.

London 2012 bronze medallist Gagan Narang was also present to help familiarise the trio with a few tricks of the trade.

The stars arrived in the afternoon and proceeded to the 25m range first to try and aim at the target using an air rifle. Sindhu went first, followed by Anju – who misfired into the tarmac – and Trupti.

Gagan, an expert in the art of 10m air rifle shooting, tried to hit the perfect score, but faltered as well, ending up with a high-8.

"Oh, so what now?" Sindhu joked post Gagan's shot.

After what seemed like an enjoyable session of outdoor shooting, the trio – followed relentlessly by range officials, members of the events team, media and a few star-struck athletes – finally reached the 10m air rifle range, where the shooters gave them a warm welcome. Sindhu and Co. also took some time out for a few selfies with the athletes and other dignitaries.

The best moment of the visit, however, had to be that of Sindhu's father P.V. Ramana asking Narang, "So where are our medals? We didn't get them," after a brief felicitation ceremony by the members of the Rifle Club. The remark saw everyone present break into joyous laughter.

Focus on promising talents in the absence of 'Big Three' grapplers

Sports Bureau
GANDHINAGAR

In the absence of the Big Three – Olympic medallists Bajrang Punia and Ravi Dahiya and two-time World championships bronze medallist Vinesh Phogat – the focus will be on some promising talents when wrestling bouts of the 36th National Games start at the Mahatma Mandir here on Friday.

A long season has taken its toll on several leading wrestlers, including Bajrang and Vinesh who recently landed medals in the World championships in Belgrade, making them to pull out of the event.

Former Worlds bronze medallist Narsing Yadav, Commonwealth Games gold medallist Naveen Malik, Olympian Sonam Malik, two-time Commonwealth Games medallist Divya Kakran and the reigning World under-20 champion Antim Panghal are among the prominent faces who will add some shine to the sporting extravaganza.

The occasion will provide a good opportunity to the second and third line of wrestlers to show their skills.

Divya Kakran. FILE PHOTO

Chance for many track and field athletes to showcase their prowess

Raring to go: Birmingham Commonwealth Games steeplechase silver medallist Avinash Sable. FILE PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

Sports Bureau
GANDHINAGAR

Even though Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra will not take the field, up-and-coming athletes will use the 36th National Games as an opportunity to prove themselves in an inspiring year, studded with some fine Indian performances in the World championships and the Commonwealth Games.

The Games poses a scheduling issue for the Athletics Federation of India (AFI), which may be keen to host the National Open athletics meet, which is one of the important events in the annual calendar, and other events.

While some top athletes such as Avinash Sable, Abdulla Aboobacker, Amlan Borgohain, Hima Das and Dutee Chand will raring to go and display their supremacy, others may prefer to stay out of the Games and conserve energy for the National Open meet.

Even in the backdrop of a calendar that saw several dope positive cases, the National Games may provide enthusiasm to several athletes to use it as a stepping stone in their preparation for the Asian Games.

Bumrah set to miss T20 World Cup with back injury

Recurring trouble: Bumrah missed Wednesday's match due to back pain that he felt during practice on Tuesday. PTI

Amol Karhadkar
RAJKOT

India has been dealt a major injury blow ahead of the T20 World Cup, with pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah virtually ruled out of the marquee event in Australia, starting next month.

The Hindu understands that Bumrah is highly unlikely to board the plane to Australia next week. The development comes a day after Bumrah couldn't take the field for the first T20I against South Africa.

On Wednesday, a team spokesperson revealed that Bumrah was unavailable for the game due to "back pain" felt during "Tuesday's practice session". Given his recurring back injury, the decision-makers were unwilling to take chances with the fitness of one of their key players.

Bumrah was earlier ruled out of the Asia Cup due to the back injury. In his last T20I on September 25, the third match against Australia, he conceded 50 off four overs – his worst T20I figures.

Shami in the mix

Bumrah's unavailability brings Mohammed Shami, originally named as a standby, into the mix. However, Shami was not a part of the T20Is against Australia and South Africa as he is yet to recover from Covid, after testing negative for the same on Wednesday.

Bumrah's injury puts a question mark on India's bowling make-up in the lead-up to the major event.

INBRIEF

Injured Mo Farah pulls out of Sunday's London marathon

Mo Farah has been forced to withdraw from Sunday's London marathon due to a hip injury. The four-time Olympic gold medallist was due to run the race for the first time since 2019 after making a return to the track in a failed attempt to compete at last year's Olympics in Tokyo. Farah has never won the London marathon in three previous attempts, with his best finish coming in 2018 when he was third.

Kiwis reveal new retro-look jersey for ICC T20 WC

The New Zealand team unveiled its new jersey for the upcoming ICC T20 World Cup 2022 in Australia in October-November. New Zealand Cricket (NZC) took to social media to make the announcement. It was done through a photoshoot featuring prominent players like Devon Conway, Daryl Mitchell, Martin Guptill, Lockie Ferguson and Trent Boult ampong others. The design has a retro look and is a combination of shirts worn by the side in the early 1990s. It has a brand new design that combines Kiwis' black colours with heritage grey.

Vivaan Kapoor, Shreyasi Singh finish 15th in mixed trap

Vivaan Kapoor and Shreyasi Singh shot 140 and missed the mixed trap second stage by two points in the Shotgun World Championship in Osijek, Croatia, on Thursday. Viaan shot 72 and Shreyasi had 68, as the team placed 15th. The other Indian pair of Prithviraj Tondaiman and Manisha Keer shot 138 with equal share of 69 each, and ended up 24th among 56 teams.

Pakistan pacer Naseem Shah tests positive for COVID-19

Pakistan fast bowler Naseem Shah has tested positive for COVID-19 and will miss the remaining two Twenty20 Internationals against England, the Pakistan Cricket Board said on Thursday. Naseem was discharged from hospital on Thursday after being diagnosed with pneumonia and the PCB said he was "back in the team hotel where he will follow all Covid protocols."

Tony stars for Pink Panthers FC in KWL football

Aleena Tony scored a brace as Pink Panthers FC defeated Roots FC 3-0 in the Karnataka Women's League football in Bengaluru on Thursday.

The results: Pink Panthers FC 3 (V. Abhirami 1, Aleena Tony 6, 85) bt Roots FC 0.

Former FIFA referee Sumanta Ghosh passes away

Kolkata-based former FIFA referee Sumanta Ghosh, who officiated in pre-World Cup and pre-Olympic tournaments, died of prolonged illness here on Thursday. He was 70 and is survived by wife and two sons. Born on April 10, 1952, Ghosh became a FIFA referee in 1990 and retired in 1997. He officiated in pre-World Cup and pre-Olympics tournaments, AFC Club Championships, SAFF Cup and the Jawaharlal Nehru Cup among others. After retirement, Ghosh became a referees' instructor and AIFF Match Commissioner.

LIVE TELECAST

Pakistan vs England: 6th T20I, Sony Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 8 p.m.

Bundesliga: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Saturday)

La Liga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 12.30 a.m. (Saturday)

Verstappen on the cusp of tasting glory again

Having already won 11 races this year, he is on track to beat the record for most wins in a season (13) held by the legendary Michael Schumacher and Sebastian Vettel

SINGAPORE GP

S. Dipak Ragav
SINGAPORE

Max Verstappen will be chasing history at the Singapore Grand Prix, the chance to secure his second World drivers' title this weekend at the Marina Bay Street Circuit.

The reigning champion, who turns 25 on Friday, can cap his birthday weekend in style if he joins an elite list of only 16 drivers who have won multiple titles.

History beckons: Verstappen in Singapore ahead of this weekend's Grand Prix. REUTERS

Handy lead

The Red Bull driver has a lead of 116 points over nearest rival Charles Leclerc of Ferrari and will need a 138-point lead at the end of Sunday over the pursuing pack to leave Singapore as a double World champion.

To seal the title under the glittering lights at the place that birthed the first night race in F1 history, Verstappen needs to do something he has not done before – win the Singapore GP and hope his rivals have a poor weekend.

While the second title is an almost foregone conclusion – barring an unusual set of jeopardies over the next six races – to seal it this weekend Verstappen needs to outscore his main rival Leclerc by 22 points, by 13 over teammate Sergio Perez and six points over George Russell.

Winning streak

Though his maiden title in 2021 came under controversial circumstances at the Abu Dhabi GP last year, Verstappen's second title is set to be one without any such asterisks attached to it.

Winning streak

The 24-year-old is on a five-race winning streak, having won 11 races this year already.

He is on track to beat the record of most wins in a season – 13 by Michael Schumacher and Sebastian Vettel.

To illustrate how dominant he has been this year, in races he has completed, he has finished outside the podium only once – the British GP – due to circumstances beyond his control, his car having collected debris which affected its performance.

After new rules were introduced at the start of the year, Verstappen took time to get used to the new generation of cars, with his teammate Perez matching him in performance.

However, Verstappen has been progressively able to extract a higher level of performance from the machine.

'It is a long shot to win the title this weekend'

S. Dipak Ragav
SINGAPORE

Championship leader Max Verstappen has played down the chances of him sealing the title this weekend.

Though he has a mathematical chance to win the crown, the reigning champion said he is not too focused on it, calling it a long shot. "I don't think about it and I just want to enjoy the week and of course win it. But I need a lot of luck and I don't count on it," said Verstappen.

Even if he wins and takes a point for the fastest lap, whether he seals the title or not will depend on where his rivals finish and the driver admitted next week in Japan is a more realistic target. "I think (Suzuka will be) my first proper opportunity to win the title. I'm looking forward to Singapore right now, but I'm also very excited for next week," he added.

Speaking about a memorable season, Verstappen said, "I have been enjoying it but I will enjoy it more after the season. What we've been doing as a team in general, after the difficulties we had at the beginning of the year, to then turn it around, really worked on the car. It was heavily overweight and making sure that it's in a competitive window now is great."

Akbar re-elected FMSCI president

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

Akbar Ebrahim was re-elected as the president of the Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India (FMSCI) at its AGM held here on Thursday.

The FMSCI Council:
President: Akbar Ebrahim (Meco Motorsports).
Vice-president: Gautham B Shantappa (Karnataka Motor Sports Club); **Councillors:** J. Prithviraj (Coimbatore Auto Sports Club), Bharath Vivek Chandhok (Madras Motor Sports Club), Pratim Chowdhury (Bengal Motor Sports Club), Hari Singh (Performance Cars Racing Trust), Raj Kapoor (Northern Motorsports), J. Balamurugan (Spitfire Motor Sports Pvt. Ltd)., Ketan Mehta (Indian Automotive Racing Club) and Vir Raina (Calcutta Motor Sports Club).

Siege Perilous obliges in Chief Minister's Trophy

RACING

MYSURU: Prasanna Kumar-trained Siege Perilous (S. Saqlain up), won the Chief Minister's Trophy, the chief event of the races held here on Thursday (Sept 29).

The winner is owned by Mr. P. Prasanna Kumar, Mrs. Ammu Ajit & Mr. Dean Stephens. Jockey S. Saqlain won three races on the day.

1. BELUR PLATE (1,400m), rated 00 to 25: **SEA BLUSH** (S. Saqlain) 1, Article Fifteen (Nazerul) 2, Dawn Rising (J.H. Arul) 3 and Swiss Bay (Sai Kiran) 4. 3/4, 7 and 4-3/4. 1m, 25.20s. ₹23 (w), 10, 10 and 19 (p), SHP: 35, THP: 41, FP: 89, Q: 45, Trinella: 123 and 77. Favourite: Sea Blush. Owners: M/s. M. Sridhar & Pradeep Kumar R. Trainer: Warren Singh.

2. LOKAPAVANI PLATE (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over: **VIVA LA VIDA** (H. Zeeshan) 1, Prince Corporate (H. Rathod) 2, Highland Park (G. Vivek) 3 and Percivale (Santosh K) 4. Not run: Airvelocity and Spiritualqueen. 3/4, 2-1/4 and 3/4. 1m, 24.68s. ₹285 (w), 40, 10 and 15 (p), SHP: 29, THP: 39, FP: 1,648, Q: 428, Trinella: 2,720 and 1,311. Favourite: Prince Corporate. Owner: Mr. Hanumant S. Telange. Trainer: Feroz Khan.

3. DUPONT PLATE (1,400m), rated 40 to 65: **SPARKLES** (J.H. Arul) 1, Imperius (Shreyas S) 2, Achook (Hindu S) 3 and Notoriety (S. John) 4. 1-3/4, 1-1/4 and Lnk. 1m, 24.10s. ₹67 (w), 18, 15 and 17 (p), SHP: 58, THP: 52, FP: 445, Q: 296, Trinella: 1,628 and 578. Favourite: Drusilla. Owner: Manjri Horse Breed's Farm Pvt Ltd rep by. Mr. Shapoor P Mistry. Trainer: M. Eshwer.

4. HOTEL R R R TROPHY (1,600m), rated 20 to 45: **PERFECT EMPRESS** (Kiran Rai) 1, Coyote Girl (Antony) 2, Parker (Sai Kiran) 3 and White Lies (Janardhan P) 4. 3/4, 2-1/2 and 1/2. 1m, 39.01s. ₹43 (w), 16, 10 and 35 (p), SHP: 27, THP: 70, FP: 90, Q: 39, Trinella: 562 and 375. Favourite: Coyote Girl. Owner: Mrs. Sandhya Suman. Trainer: C. Girinath.

5. CHIEF MINISTER'S TROPHY (1,400m), rated 60 to 85: **SIEGE PERILOUS** (S. Saqlain) 1, Coorg Regiment (Antony) 2, Aberlour (Hasib A) 3 and Cavarozzi (Jagadeesh) 4. 8-3/4, 3/4 and 2. 1m, 22.42s. ₹13 (w), 10, 22 and 54 (p), SHP: 45, THP: 53, FP: 95, Q: 57, Trinella: 257 and 349. Favourite: Siege Perilous. Owners: Mr. P. Prasanna Kumar, Mrs. Ammu Ajit & Mr. Dean Stephens. Trainer: Prasanna Kumar.

6. MANDYA PLATE (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over: **SKYFIRE** (G. Vivek) 1, Anakin (S. Saqlain) 2, Embosom (L.A. Rozario) 3 and Anne Boleyn (J.H. Arul) 4. Not run: Debonair. 4-3/4, 1-1/4 and 3/4. 1m, 11.30s. ₹24 (w), 11, 19 and 24 (p), SHP: 45, THP: 64, FP: 113, Q: 60, Trinella: 285 and 164, Exacta: 1,042 and 670. Favourite: Skyfire. Owners: M/s. Harakchand C. Gandhi & Mr. P. Jayakumar. Trainer: B. Prithviraj.

7. KARAPUR PLATE (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over: **DEL MAR** (S. Saqlain) 1, Extraordinary (Srinath) 2, Donna Bella (Antony) 3 and Striking Memory (Jagadeesh) 4. Snk, 1-1/2 and 5-3/4. 1m, 10.67s. ₹18 (w), 12, 13 and 24 (p), SHP: 32, THP: 71, FP: 35, Q: 30, Trinella: 252 and 175, Exacta: 585 and 251. Favourite: Del Mar. Owner and trainer: Mr. K. Pradeep Annaiah.

Jackpot: ₹4,259 (51 tkts.);
Runner-up: 1,122 (83 tkts.);
Treble (i): 1,160 (carried over); (ii): 133 (41 tkts).

Knight In Hooves for feature event

MYSURU: Knight In Hooves, who has been well prepared, is expected to score in the Sardar K.B. Ramachandraraj Urs Memorial Trophy (1,200m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Friday (Sept 30). There will be no false rails.

1 LALITHAMAHAL PLATE (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 00 to 25, 2-00 p.m.: 1. My Vision (7) R. Pradeep 61, 2. Country's Talent (11) J. Paswan 60.5, 3. Don's Den (2) S. Saqlain 60, 4. Ruby Cube (10) Darshan 59.5, 5. Phillipine Cobra (3) Nazerul 59, 6. Rumour Lady (4) Srinath 59, 7. Ash Winder (9) L.A. Rozario 58, 8. Vijaya Surabhi (5) Dhanu S 58, 9. Ultimate Choice (6) Hindu S 57.5, 10. Smile Around (8) Vaibhav 57 and 11. Red Hot Chilli (1) Gautam Raj 54.5.

1. DON'S DEN, 2. RUMOUR LADY, 3. ULTIMATE CHOICE

2 TRIVENI PLATE (DIV. II), (1,100m), rated 20 to 45, 2-30: 1. infiniteposibility (4) S. John 60, 2. Perfectimagination (10) Dhanu S 57, 3. Star Speck (1) Shreyas S 55.5, 4. Quando Quando (7) Antony 53.5, 5. Shooting Venus (2) Darshan 53.5, 6. Unity (6) Chandrashekar 53.5, 7. Enrichment (5) B. Darshan 53, 8. Felicita (9) Sai Kiran 53, 9. Power Port (3) Janardhan P 53, 10. Romantic Heart (12) Kiran Rai 53, 11. Come Alive (11) G. Vivek 51.5 and 12. War Song (8) Angad 51.

1. QUANDO QUANDO, 2. STAR SPECK, 3. INFINITEPOSIBILITY

3 LALITHAMAHAL PLATE (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 00 to 25, 3-00: 1. Meghann (4) Salman Khan 62.5 2. Princess Aura (9) R. Pradeep 62.5, 3. Chilly Breeze (10) L.A. Rozario 62, 4. Country's Prince (2) Hasib A 62, 5. Fifty Grand (5) R. Shiva K 62, 6. Mighty Prince (6) Noorulla 62, 7. War Trail (11) B.L Paswan 61, 8. Country's Bolt (3) J. Paswan 60.5, 9. Daddy's Girl (1) S. John 60.5, 10. Rajlakshmi (7) B. Darshan 60.5 and 11. Lightning Charlie (8) G. Vivek 58.5.

1. DADDY'S GIRL, 2. LIGHTNING CHARLIE, 3. CHILLY BREEZE

4 POLICE TROPHY (1,200m), rated 60 to 85, 4-y-o & over, 3-30: 1. Turf Legend (1) S. Qureshi 60.5, 2. Nothing To Worry (6) Sai Kiran 59.5, 3. Court Jester (4) L.A. Rozario 58.5, 4. Galen (8) Hindu S 58, 5. Tactical Command (5) Antony 57, 6. Lucky Chance (7) Tousif Khan 56.5, 7. Rising Sun (2) Kiran Rai 55 and 8. Star Of Thea (3) R. Shiva K 50.

1. TACTICAL COMMAND, 2. GALEN, 3. TURF LEGEND

5 SARDAR K.B. RAMACHANDRARAJ URS MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200m), rated 80 & above, 4-00: 1. Silver Flames (5) Hindu S 60, 2. Gold Field (2) S. Saqlain 58, 3. Make My Way (4) B. Darshan 58, 4. Contributor (3) Hasib A 54 and 5. Knight In Hooves (1) Rayan 53.

1. KNIGHT IN HOOVES, 2. SILVER FLAMES

6 TRIVENI PLATE (DIV. I), (1,100m), rated 20 to 45, 4-30: 1. Deimus (11) S. John 62.5, 2. Vijaya Falcon (8) S. Saqlain 61.5, 3. Country's Flash (3) Srinath 60.5, 4. Paisley (9) Antony 59, 5. Eye The Mind (5) Shreyas S 58.5, 6. Colossal (2) Kiran Rai 56, 7. D Golden Cup (10) Ajay K 56, 8. D Durga (6) Sai Kiran 55.5, 9. Dalhousie (7) Jagadeesh 54.5, 10. Jacaranda (4) Nazerul 54 and 11. Twin Flame (1) Angad 54.

1. EYE THE MIND, 2. COUNTRY'S FLASH, 3. VIJAYA FALCON

7 HOGENAKAL PLATE (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 4-y-o & over, 5-00: 1. Flash Bond (5) B. Darshan 61.5, 2. Good Earth (7) G. Rohith 60, 3. Ieilani (1) Hasib A 60, 4. D Brother (2) H. Rahul 59.5, 5. Aquila D'oro (4) Santosh K 58, 6. Ceffina (10) S. Saqlain 58, 7. Niche Cannabis (12) Antony 56, 8. Sir Calculus (6) Srinath 55.5, 9. Aurele (8) H. Zeeshan 55, 10. Evangeline (11) Vijay K 55, 11. Beat The Odds (9) R. Shiva K 54.5 and 12. N R I Plan (3) Afsar Khan 53.5.

1. CEFFINA, 2. SIR CALCULUS, 3. FLASH BOND

Day's best: **TACTICAL COMMAND**
Double: **DADDY'S GIRL – KNIGHT IN HOOVES**
Jkt: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Aryan and Yuvraj in the van

Aryan Roopa Anand and Yuvraj Singh shared the lead in the men's section after the penultimate round of the IGU BioGen Rotary Southern India Amateur Golf Championship at KGA course here on Thursday. In the ladies section, Vidhatri Urs took a four shot lead over nearest rival Mannat Brar.

The scores (after 54 holes):
Men: 212: Aryan Roopa Anand (73, 72, 67), Yuvraj Singh (73, 71, 68); 214: Aarav Shah (70, 72, 72), Sandeep Yadav (75, 67, 72), Shaurya Bhattacharya (71, 71, 72).
Ladies and A&B girls (after 36 holes): 140: Vidhatri Urs (71, 69); 144: Mannat Brar (74, 70); 145: Smriti Bhargav (74, 71).

Yao 'tricks in Sporting Club Bengaluru's big win

Kouassi Bernard Yao's hat-trick helped Sporting Club Bengaluru blank BUFC 5-0 in the BDFA Super Division League football here on Thursday.

The results: BFC 1 (Robin Yadav 90+5) bt FC Deccan 0.
Sporting Club Bengaluru 5 (Kouassi Bernard Yao 9, 38, 61, Appu 43, Dameki Khongstia 48) bt BUFC 0.

Karnataka in semifinals of postal volleyball tournament

Karnataka entered the last four of the All India Postal volleyball tournament with a convincing 25-10, 25-12, 25-16 victory over Maharashtra at the Sree Kanteerava Indoor Stadium here on Thursday.

The results: Himachal Pradesh bt Odisha 17-25, 19-25, 25-18, 25-22, 15-13.
West Bengal bt Andhra Pradesh 25-10, 25-27, 25-14, 25-19.
Kerala bt Rajasthan 25-15, 25-19, 22-25, 25-12.

Karnataka probables named for Vinoo Mankad Trophy

Karnataka announced a 25-member probables list for the upcoming Vinoo Mankad under-19 cricket Trophy.

The list:
Vishal Onat, Rohan M.Yareshmi, B. Vijayaraj, Prakhar Chaturvedi, L. Manvanth Kumar, Dhurv Prabhakar, Rajvir Wadhwa, S.P. Shreyas, Hardik Raj, Aashish Mahesh, P. Raghuveer, Dheeraj J. Gowda, Dhanush Gowda, Ishaan, Mohsin Khan, Rajendra Danganavar, Yashovardhan Parantap, Shatak Gunjal, M.B. Shivam, Shridhar Jagatap, S. Chaitanya, S.H. Swaroop, Samarth Nagaraj, Nischinth Pai, Arshil Rajendra.

Tushar's century highlights President's XI big win over Mangalore

Tushar Singh top-scored with 111 as President's XI defeated Mangalore Zone by an innings and 88 runs in the KSCA S.A. Srinivasan Memorial under-25 tournament.

The scores:
President's XI 342 in 81.3 overs (Rahul Kulkarni 61, Tushar Singh 111, S.M. Shamanth 27, Taha Khan 28 n.o.) bt Mangalore 104 in 34.1 overs (Harshith Poojary 46, Taha Khan 3/32) & 150 in 58.2 overs (Harshith Poojary 37, Rane Karumbaiah 73, G.D. Naman 3/8).

Raichur 99 in 40.5 overs (Madhav P. Bajaj 35, Aditya Mani 3/21, Paras Gurbax Arya 4/30) & 199/7 in 58.1 overs (Karthik Ramanna 35, Sourab Muttur 31, S.K. Abhishek 32, Shashikumar 36 n.o., Paras Gurbax Arya 4/66) drew with Bangalore 296 in 75.2 overs (Gautham Dileep 61, S. Aadarsh Prajwal 55, Aman Khan 85, Tanay Valmik 39, Shashikumar 6/108).

Dharwad 155 in 48 overs (Sudhanwa U. Kulkarni 81, T.N. Varun Rao 3/64, Samarth Srinivas 3/4) & 197 in 48 overs (Pareexith Okkunda 79, Angadraj Sangam Hittalamani 35, Akash G. Pattar 29, T.N. Varun Rao 5/104) drew with Bangalore City XI 235/9 decl. in 75 overs (Abheet Kuthpady 89, Akshan Rao 47, A.C. Rohith Kumar 5/90).

Shimoga 316 in 81 overs (Abu 58, S. Mubarak 93, A.S. Karna 26, R. Koushik 42, Smayan Srivastav 3/77, Milind Mali 3/57) drew with Vice Presidents XI 473/6 in 90 overs (Lochan S. Gowda 67, Aneeshwar Gautam 47, N.A. Chinmay 90, Faizan Khan 67, Smayan Srivastav 58 n.o., Milind Mali 64 n.o.).

Tumkur 243 in 77.2 overs (V.N. Sanjay 81, K.B. Shreyas 104 n.o., L.R. Kumar 3/28, L. Saishiv Narayan 3/66, J. Mahendra Kumar 3/39) drew with Mysore Zone 427/8 in 90 overs (B. Dheemanth 33, K.S. Lankesh 70, Gowtham Sagar 118, L. Saishiv Narayan 82, L.R. Kumar 60, T. Chiranjeevi 3/104).

Secretary's XI 244 in 62.3 overs (B.U. Shivakumar 77, Vinay N. Sagar 65, Sai Susheel Reddy 30, Pradyumna Srivatsa 5/77) & 87/3 in 39 overs (Vinay N. Sagar 32 n.o.) drew with Combined City XI 187 in 60.4 overs (K. Rakshith 45, Amod S. Kaluve 44, S.S.G. Rohiet 4/38, S. Punith 5/26).

Radjabov ends Arjun's fightback

CHESS

Sports Bureau

After a brilliant fightback, Arjun Erigaisi surrendered to Teimour Radjabov in the Armageddon game and bowed out of the *Chess-.com* Global chess championship on Wednesday.

In the four-game rapid phase, Radjabov took the lead by winning the second game before Arjun forced a dramatic draw in the next and won the fourth.

In the tie-deciding Armageddon game, where Radjabov bid for 14 minutes and almost opted to play with white pieces, he slowly outplayed Arjun for a 3-2 verdict.

Meanwhile, R. Vaishali let Aleksandra Goryachkina off the hook before their final round ended in a 67-move draw in the FIDE women's GP chess tournament in Astana (Kazakhstan) on Thursday.

Vaishali (5 points) finished tied sixth in the event won by Kateryna Lagno (8).

World Cup fans do not need vaccination

Agence France-Presse
DOHA

COVID-19 vaccinations will not be mandatory for the fans going to the FIFA World Cup in Qatar.

But players and match officials may be forced into a "bio-bubble" if Covid cases take off again, with the threat of expulsion from the tournament for those who breach the secure environment, the health ministry said.

RAJASTHAN STATE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT & INVESTMENT CORPORATION LTD.

(A Rajasthan Government Undertaking)

Udyog Bhawan, Tilak Marg, Jaipur- 302005, Phone- 0141-2227751, 4593201
Fax: 0141-4593210 E-mail: riico@riico.co.in Website-www.riico.co.in

TENDER NOTICE

RIICO invites sealed tenders/bids through eproc.rajasthan.gov.in for the following works/services/supply etc.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.in Lacs)
1.	**Unit Head, Bhiwadi-II**	
1.1	Construction of Plots Demarcation Pillars and Road & CD Works for Part area of Residential Zone at Industrial Area Salarpur. **UBN-RDC2223WLOB01042**	844.10
2.	**Unit Head, Neemrana**	
2.1	Up-gradation of Infrastructure at Industrial Area NIC(M), Neemrana. **UBN-RDC2223WSOB01062**	346.19
2.2	Widening & Strengthening of Road at Industrial Area Neemrana-I. **UBN-RDC2223WSOB01063**	211.84
3.	**Unit Head, Nagaur**	
3.1	Construction of CD Roads and Plot Demarcation Pillars at Industrial Area GoI (Riyanbadi), Nagaur. **UBN-RDC2223WSOB01090**	335.20

Bidders/contractors may download and submit tender online. Detailed information of tenders and any kind of corrigendum/ date extension, if any in future, may be seen by bidders on websites www.riico.co.in and www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in
For queries please contact: AGM (Civil) Ph. 0141-4593212

Raj.Samwad/C/22/8506

DR. HARISINGH GOUR VISHWAVIDYALAYA, SAGAR (M.P.) INDIA

(A Central University) Website: www.dhsgsu.edu.in

Recruitment Notice

Advt. No.: DoFA/DAC-DACE/2022/02 Dated: / / 2022

(I) AMBEDKAR CHAIR

The University invites Online application from eligible Indian Nationals for the following posts under Dr. Ambedkar Chair sanctioned by the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India, New Delhi on deputation/contract basis.

No	Post	No. of Positions	Pay Scale	Specialization
1.	Chair Professor* (Full Time)	01 (UR)	Level 14 (Acad.)	Dr. Ambedkar's Thought & Philosophy/ Education, Social Justice/ Inclusion/ Harmony
2.	Assistant Professor	01 (UR)	Level 10 (Acad.)	

Note: (a) *Superannuated Person will not be eligible for the post of Chair Professor. (b) Above posts shall be filled subject to extension of Tenure of Dr. Ambedkar Chair, which is under consideration.

(II) CONTRACTUAL APPOINTMENT OF TEACHERS UNDER DACE UPSC-COACHING

Post	No. of Positions	Fixed Salary per Month	Specialization
Contractual Teachers	03	₹ 1,15,000/-	Maths, History & Geography

The Last Date of submission of Online Application for Dr. Ambedkar Chair and Offline on Prescribed Formed (in hard copy) for the post of Contractual Teachers (DACE) will be 45 days from the date of publication of this Advertisement in Employment News/Rozgar Samachar. For more details please visit the University website: www.dhsgsu.edu.in

Registrar (Offg.)

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)

DAM REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Tender notification No: 07/ 2022-23 Dated: 26-09-2022
(Through e-procurement portal, two cover system)

On behalf of **Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore, Executive Engineer Kabini Reservoir Division Kabini Colony, H.D. Kote Taluk, Mysore District. KARNATAKA** now invites online Bids from eligible Bidders for the construction of works detailed below. Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document at the address given below during office hours. Bidders are advised to note the clauses on eligibility (Section I Clause 4) and minimum qualification criteria (Section III-Evaluation and Qualification Criteria to qualify for the award of the contract.

Package 02: "Providing Roads, Fencing and Construction of security room and other infrastructure works at Taraka Dam in Mysore District of Karnataka state under DRIP-II- (World Bank Aided) -Call-2" of estimate cost Rs. 625.70 lakhs has been invited for bids.

Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications is **13-10-2022 up to 17:00 hrs,** Date, & time of Pre bid meeting is on **17-10-2022 at 11:00 hrs,** Last date and time for receipt of completed tender **03-11-2022 up to 16:00 hrs.** Date and time of opening of technical bid **05-11-2022 at 16:00** hrs and the date and time of opening financial bid **14-11-2022 at 11:00 hrs** or will be notified after the approval of technical bids. Further Interested bidders can avail the information regarding EMD and Tender processing fee from the website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for more details.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Kabini Reservoir Division, Kabini Colony,
H. D. Kote, Mysore District.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. SEE (W&M)/HSN/EE(O)/AEE-1&2/T-11&TH-12/2022-23/3410-14 Date: 26.09.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through E-Procurement portal only)

KPTCL invites bids on Electronic mode for work against the following enquiry number.

1) Bid Enq. No. KPTCL/SEE(W&M)/HSN/2022-23/11 for Complete repair of the failed 8 MVA 66/11KV SPEC make Power Transformer bearing Sl. No. ST-37014 YOM: 2011, stationed at 66/11kV sub-station, **Shettihally** in Channarayapatna Taluk, Hassan District, TL&SS Division, KPTCL, Holenarasipura. **Work Indent No. KPTCL/2022-23/PM/WORK_INDENT/ 9633/CALL-2**

2) Bid Enq. No. KPTCL/SEE(W&M)/HSN/2022-23/09 for Complete repair of the failed 8 MVA 66/11KV SPEC make Power Transformer bearing Sl. No. ST-31238, YOM: 2005, stationed at 66/11kV sub-station, **Basavagatta** in Nodal Centre, 220/66kV R/S Hassan District, TL&SS Division, KPTCL, Hassan. **Work Indent No. KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT/9634/ CALL-2**

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "e-procurement-kptcl" or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or before 11.00 AM on 03.10.2022.** Any details required in this regard can also be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- **Superintending Engineer, Elec., Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavan, 2nd Floor, Santhepete, B.M. Road, Hassan - 573201. Ph: 08172-250765.**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No:SEE/Tr(M)/RMG/EE/AE-1/F-35/22-23/2826-29 Date28.09.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites bid against bid enq. No. **KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/ RMGC/EE(O)/AEE-1/ REP BREAKER AND BUS ISOLATOR/EPR-339 Dtd:28.09.2022** for Combined package for the following works:

1) Replacement of old 66 kV Shimsha and Somanahalli-1 breakers at 220kV R/S T K Halli.

2) Providing 66kV Bus Isolator for 66kV Bus at 66/11kV Iggaluru Substation in Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagar District, TL&SS Division TK Halli, Transmission Maintenance circle Ramanagar, Transmission Zone Bangalore, On TOTAL TURN KEY BASIS.

Amount put to tender **Rs.34,51,230/-** and EMD amount **Rs.34,512/-** The bid will be received through e-procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the enquiry can be obtained by logging onto KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink 'e-Procurement-KPTCL' or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 30.09.2022, 16:30hrs.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Electy), Transmission(Maint.),
Ramanagara Circle,KPTCL 220/66/11Kv Vrushabhavathi Valley Station
1st Floor, Near R.R. Nagar Arch,Mysuru Road, Bengaluru-26, Tel.:080-29620155.

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LTD.

(Regd Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala)
Corporate Identification Number (CIN): U40109PB2010SGC033813
website: www.pspcl.in (Contact Number 9646123323)

Tender Enquiry No. PPR-25/2022 **Dated: 24.09.2022**

Chief Engineer/PP&R Organization, Shed No.D-3, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender under three part bid system for supply of Renewable Energy (Non-Solar) from interstate/intrastate sources viz. Generators, Traders having Valid Inter State Trading License issued by CERC for interstate trading of energy, intrastate trading license issued by PSERC for intrastate trading of energy, State Electricity Boards, State Electricity Utilities, States, IPPs & CPPs from 16th October 2022 to 31st March 2023. The link for the e-Bidding portal is www.mstcecommerce.com and is also available on the website of Ministry of Power (www.Powermin.nic.in) and PFC Consultancy Limited (www.pfcindia.com). For detailed NIT & tender specificatiaons please refer to **www.mstcecommerce.com** from 24.09.2022 onwards.

Note:- Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at **www.mstcecommerce.com**

C-369/22 PSPCL-76155/12/1138/2021/17389

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. SEE/T(W&M)/MYS/EEE(O)/AE-3/22-23/ 3724-28 Dated: 27. 09.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

KPTCL invites bids vide below mentioned bid enquiry nos. for the following works.

1) **Bid Enquiry No:** KPTCL/SEE/EEE(O)/AE-3/T(W&M)/MYS/ ADDL/29 for Providing Additional 1x8 MVA, 66/11 kV Transformer at 66/11 kV Kanagal Substation in Periyapatna Taluk Mysuru District on PTK basis.

2) **Bid Enquiry No:** KPTCL/SEE/EEE(O)/AE-3/T(W&M)/MYS/ ADDL/30 for Providing Additional 1X8 MVA, 66/11 kV Power Transformer at 66/11 kV Bannikuppe Sub Station in Hunsur Taluk & Mysuru District on PTK basis.

3) **Bid Enquiry No:** KPTCL/SEE/EEE(O)/AE-3/T(W&M)/MYS/ ADDL/31 for Providing Additional 1X8 MVA, 66/11 kV Power Transformer at 66/11 kV Maliyuru Sub Station in TN Pura Taluk & Mysuru District on PTK basis.

4) **Bid Enquiry No:** KPTCL/SEE/EEE(O)/AE-3/T(W&M)/MYS/ ADDL/32 for Providing Additional 1X8 MVA 66/11 kV Transformer at 66/11 kV Parinamipura Substation in TN Pura Taluk & Mysuru District on PTK basis.

5) **Bid Enquiry No:** KPTCL/SEE/EEE(O)/AE-3/T(W&M)/MYS/ REPL/22 for Replacement of 1x12.5 MVA, 66/11 kV Power Transformer-1 by 1x20 MVA, 66/11 kV Power transformer at 66/11 kV Vijayanagara sub-station in Mysuru Taluk and Mysuru district on PTK basis.

6) **Bid Enquiry No:** SEE/EEE(O)/AE-3/T(W&M)/MYS/22-23/LINE-16 for Providing LILO arrangement to 66/11 kV Ayarahalli substation by stringing 66 kV second circuit for a distance of about 6.805 Kms along with one number of 66 kV Terminal bay at 66/11 KV Ayarahally substation in Nanjangud Tq & Mysuru Dist on TTK basis.

7) **Bid Enquiry No:** SEE/EEE(O)/AE-3/T(W&M)/MYS/22-23/LINE -17 for Providing additional 66 KV Terminal Bay at existing 66/11 kV Hullahally sub station for the proposed running additional circuit on existing towers at Hullahally for LILO for a distance of 1.395 Kms in Nanjangudu Tq, Mysuru Dist on TTK basis.

The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl. karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "e-procurement-kptcl" or **https://eproc. karnataka.gov.in** on or after 03.10.2022. Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, El.,Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, I Floor, 'Prasarana Bhavana', N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru-570 007. Phone : 0821-2455018

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT

Tender No: 70695

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Electricity Department of Government of Puducherry invites Bids from interested entities meeting the Qualification Requirements and other conditions for bidding, as set out in the Request for Proposal(RFP) Document, to participate in the Competitive process for "Selection of Bidder for purchase of one hundred percent(100%) shares in Distribution Company responsible for distribution and retail supply of electricity and having Distribution License in the Union Territory of Puducherry".

The details of RFP along with important milestones are provided below:

1.	Cost of RFP documents	INR 590,000.00 Inclusive of GST 18% (to be paid through RTGS)
2.	Bid Security	INR 27,00,00,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Seven Crores) In the form of Bank Guarantee as per RFP.
3.	Bank Details	Account Holder's Name: Drawing and Disbursing Officer Account No.: 34584469746 Account Type: Current Account IFSC Code: SBIN0000900 Bank: State Bank of India Branch: 00900-Pondicherry
4.	GST Details	GST No.: (34AAAGO0342Q1Z7)
5.	Sale of RFP	Start Date: 30.09.2022 End Date: 25.11.2022
6.	Last date for submission of Queries	14.10.2022
7.	Date of Pre-Bid Meeting	21.10.2022
8.	Last Date of Bid Submission	25.11.2022 4.00 p.m.

For full details please refer the web link **pudutenders.gov.in**

Secretary to Government(Power)
Government of Puducherry
Goubert Avenue, Puducherry-605 001
Email: secyind.pon@nic.in Phone : 0413-2334144

No.296/DIP/AD(Press)/2022-23

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan Race Course Road
Bengaluru – 560 001. website : www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-22/11673/2022-23 Date: 29.09.2022

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(Through GOK e – Procurement Portal Only)

Tender under two cover bid system is invited for the works mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors holding valid Class-I (Civil) issued from KPWD, Government of Karnataka who have got adequate financial resources, state of the art technology, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for work of **(1)** Formation of 18m & 30m wide Roads including asphalting, construction of RCC Side Drains, RCC Cross Drainage Works, HDPE Water Supply pipeline at Sub Layout of Plot No.1 at Gowribidnur 2nd Phase Industrial Area, Chikkaballapura District. **(2)** Formation of Balance Length of 45m wide road no.1 & 32m wide road no.5 Junction, Construction of RCC Side Drains, Laying of HDPE Water Supply pipeline and providing road height guage/barrier at Hi-Tech Defence & Aerospace Park (IT Sector) Near KIAL, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.

Last date for submission of bids is: **13.10.2022 upto 04:00 pm**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-1, KIADB, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/2433/Zenkar/2022-23

Govt. of Karnataka (Zilla Panchayat, Gadag)

Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Gadag

No.PRED/GDG/PB-2/Tender/2022-23/2058 Date: 29-9-2022

Short Term E-Procurement Tender Notification Standard Bid Document KW-3 [Two Cover System]

Tenders are invited for the following 07 No. of works as per Karnataka Public Transparency Act-2000 Standard Bid Document KW-3 Rules from eligible PWD contractors through e-Procurement Portal Under H/A:2022-23 5054 Special grant of Panchayat Raj Engineering Department can Participate through https://eproc. karnataka. gov.in The work Indent details are as shown below:

Indent Nos. RDPR/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT : 93929, 93930, 93931, 93932, 93933, 93939, 93934/Call-2

The details of Tender Fees and EMD: Tender Fees and correspondence EMD details with respect to work indent details to be seen as per E-Procurement portal.

Date for Submission of filled in application and Schedule-B through website is: **30-09-2022** to **10-10-2022** Date of opening of Technical Bid : **12-10-2022** at 16:30 hrs and opening of Financial Bid :**14-10-2022** at 16:30 hrs. Successful eligible bidders of the Financial Bid must personally visit the above office for the difference amount of P.S.D. amount in the form of F.D.R. (as per Rule No.13) within 20 days from the date of publishing of the tender. Since it is electronic system and paper less there is no communication through letters, More details can be had during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Gadag

DIPR/Gadag/MCA/343/2022-23

Government of Karnataka

Office of The Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Haveri

Email : eeprednhvr@gmail.com Tel. No: 08375-232454

No. EE/PREDn/HVR/PB-2/Tender/2022-23/3367 Dated : 26-09-2022

E-Procurement Short Time Tender Notification No.26/2022-23

The Panchayath Raj Engineering Department through Executive Engineer Panchayath Raj Engineering Division Haveri on behalf of Governor of Karnataka invites the E-Portal Tender as per **KW-3&4** from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with P.W.D registered for e-Procurement for each of the following works **5054 Special** head of account work as follows. Details can also be obtained in www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

(1) Improvements to road from Aralikatti road to Bavapur village link road in Hirekeur Taluk of Haveri District. **(INDENT92698)** **2)**Improvements to road from Kudapali village bridge to Revana siddeshwar math link road in Hirekeur Taluk of Haveri District. **(INDENT92945)**

(1) Stating date to downloading blank tender form in e-procurement portal : **27-09-2022** (2) Tender pre bid meeting in the office of the EE PRE Division, Haveri : **03-10-2022** @ 11.00 AM (3) Last date for uploading completed tender form And documents e-procurement documents through online : **11-10-2022** upto 4.00 PM (4) Date of Technical bid opening (if possible) : **12-10-2022** @ 5.00 PM (5) Date of Financial bid Opening (if possible) : **15-10-2022** @ 11.00 AM

More details can be had from the office of the undersigned and also through our website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in by clicking List of Tenders which will link to all Dept. works list.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
P.R.E. Division, Haveri

DIPR/HVR/MCA/284/2022-23

THE MYSORE SUGAR COMPANY LIMITED

(A Govt.of Karnataka Undertaking)
Sugar Town, Mandya-571 402.
MSCO/AC/ADV/ 69/2022-23 DATE: 29-09-2022

SHORT TERM e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Mysore Sugar Company Ltd., Mandya, is invited Tender through e-procurement portal Tenders for Borrowing Mortgage Loan of **Rs.105.00 Crores** for working capital requirements. The interested Bankers to visit the web site www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. the tender available date is **30.09.2022.** the last date for submitting tender is **14.10.2022 up to 4.00 pm**. For more information contact to Chief Financial Officer Bangalore **Contact No.080-22220988**

Sd/-CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

DIPR/AD-MDY/MC&A/364/2022-23

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT,

CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT , GUBBI

cdpogubbi@gmail.com Ph:08131-223731

Date:20-09-2022

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

2022-23 The Child Development Project Office, Gubbi Taluk, Tumkur District, Department of women and Child Development. Government of Karnataka (parchaser) Invitese tender for eligible tenders who are registered in the E-Procurement Portal by using ID and Digital Singnature for the supply of Eggs to ICDS Project, (464 Anganwadi Centers) Gubbi Taluk in Tumkur District as details given below.

Tender Published Date : 21.09.2022 Last Date and Time for receipt of tenders : 07.10.2022. Tender number : cdpo/gu/ egg.tender-1/2022-23 Date: 20-09-2022 Web Site Address :www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-Child Development Project Officer, Gubbi.

DIPR/TUM/558/MCA/2022-23

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಕೊಡಗು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 14/2022–23/2674–78 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 27–09–2022

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 1999 ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮಗಳು 2000 ರಂತೆ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–4 ರನ್ವಯ ದ್ವಿಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಕೊಡಗು ವಿಭಾಗದ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ 1 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (2ನೇ ಕರೆ)ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಇ–ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣಾ ವೇದಿಕೆ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.138.58 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27–09–2022 ರಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣಾ ವೇದಿಕೆ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ:12–10–2022 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣಾ ವೇದಿಕೆ http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಯಾವುದೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ/ಮಾರ್ಪಾಡುಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,
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